

# ***Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014***

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 253

made under the

*Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014*

### **Authorising law**

Sections 669 and 728C(2)(a) of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (the Act).

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014* (the amendment regulation) will amend the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Regulation 2004*.

The regulatory requirements for some elements of petroleum and gas safety are to be amended to reflect revised industry standards and to support streamlining of the regulation provisions for gas work licences and gas work authorisations applications.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objectives are achieved by:

- updating the reference in Schedule 1 part 1, to the Australian Pipeline Industry Association (APIA) Code of Practice Upstream Polyethylene gathering networks in the coal seam gas industry; and
- removing five sections, including four duplicative provisions for gas work licence and gas work authorisation applications.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The amendment regulation is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The amendment regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Implementation of the amendments reduce regulatory burden, simplify application processes and support stakeholders in meeting existing regulatory requirements.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The amendments in the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014* do not breach any fundamental legislative principles set out in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

## **Consultation**

Gas work licence and authorisation holders have been consulted about the amendment in the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014*. The amendment in the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014* to update the Code of Practice is consistent with industry expectation and existing practices.