

# Public Safety Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No. 73

made under the

*Building Act 1975*

*Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*

*Weapons Act 1990*

*Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000*

## General Outline

### Short title

*Public Safety Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2016*

### Authorising law

Section 261 of the *Building Act 1975*

Sections 108 and 154E of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*

Section 172 of the *Weapons Act 1990*

Section 401 of the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000*

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

In accordance with Government policy, regulatory fees and charges are reviewed annually. Indexation of fees and charges seeks to maintain their value over time, relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs. The current Government indexation policy is that fees and charges are to be indexed by 3.5% for the 2016-2017 financial year.

The objective of the *Public Safety Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2016* (the Regulation) is to amend the following regulations to apply annual

indexation of fees and charges in accordance with the current Government indexation policy:

- *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*;
- *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011*;
- *Weapons Regulation 1996*; and
- *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2011*.

The Regulation also makes minor amendments to some fee and charge descriptions in schedule 2, part 4 of the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*, schedule 2 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 1990* and schedule 1 of the *Weapons Regulation 1996* to achieve consistent wording within each regulation and to comply with modern drafting practices.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The Regulation achieves its objectives by applying the indexation policy to fees and charges in the following regulations:

- *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*;
- *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011*;
- *Weapons Regulation 1996*; and
- *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2011*.

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

The Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the authorising Acts. Each of those Acts provides for fees to be prescribed by regulation.

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

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The Regulation will not impose any additional cost on Government. Implementation costs are limited to adjusting communication materials and forms that mention the fees. These costs are negligible and will be met through existing budgets.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Regulation is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

## **Consultation**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Housing and Public Works, Queensland Treasury, and the Office of Best Practice Regulation were consulted and support the Regulation

The Office of Best Practice Regulation advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required for the Regulation.

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