

WEAPONS REGULATION 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No. 131

made under the

Weapons Act 1990

General Outline

Short title

Weapons Regulation 2016

Authorising law

Section 172 of the *Weapons Act 1990*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The policy objective of the *Weapons Regulation 2016* (the Regulation) is to replace the *Weapons Regulation 1996*.

Section 54(1) of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* provides for the automatic expiry of subordinate legislation on 1 September first occurring after the tenth anniversary of the day of its making, unless it is sooner repealed or expires, or a regulation is made under the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* exempting it from expiry. The *Weapons Regulation 1996* was exempted from expiry in 2015 and is due to expire on 31 August 2016.

The Regulation also achieves administrative efficiencies through modernising sections to comply with current drafting practices. The Regulation does not change the existing policy position of the *Weapons Regulation 1996*.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Regulation achieves the objectives by replacing the *Weapons Regulation 1996*.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the principles and objectives of the *Weapons Act 1990*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Regulation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative ways to effectively achieve the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Regulation does not impose any additional cost on Government.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation has been drafted with regard to the fundamental legislative principles outlined in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*. The Regulation does not introduce any policy changes.

Consultation

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Treasury, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Department of National Parks, Sports and Racing, and the Office of Best Practice Regulation within the Queensland Productivity Commission were consulted and support the Regulation.

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