Forestry (State Forests) (Beerwah and Glen Rock) Amendment Regulation 2017

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 132

made under the

Forestry Act 1959

General Outline

Short title

Forestry (State Forests) (Beerwah and Glen Rock) Amendment Regulation 2017.

Authorising law

Sections 25, 26(2) and 97 of the Forestry Act 1959 (Forestry Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the *Forestry (State Forests) (Beerwah and Glen Rock) Amendment Regulation 2017* (the amendment regulation) is to:

- revoke the setting apart and declaration of an area of Beerwah State Forest for public works
 and community purposes which will resolve a longstanding proposal to formalise the tenure
 of a Sunshine Coast Regional Council works depot and the rural fire brigade; and
- set apart and declare a parcel of unallocated State land to Glen Rock State Forest which will finalise the formal addition of a State acquisition property to the State forest estate.

Achievement of policy objectives

To achieve its objective, the amendment regulation will amend the Schedule of the *Forestry* (State Forests) Regulation 1987 to:

- a. revoke the setting apart and declaration of an area of Beerwah State Forest, being an area of 7.358 hectares described as lot 100 on SP235756; and
- b. set apart and declare unallocated State land as part of Glen Rock State Forest, being an area of 210 hectares described as lot 51 on SP280505.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment regulation is machinery in nature and consistent with the objectives of the Forestry Act; that is to ensure that no land comprised in a State forest shall be excluded therefrom, leased, or dealt with otherwise whatsoever except under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of the Forestry Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The amendment regulation is not inconsistent with any other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Implementing the amendment regulation is in the public interest, is not considered to constitute significant subordinate legislation and will have negligible costs. The area to be set apart and declared as Glen Rock State Forest will not increase costs to the State as management funding has been already allocated by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing; nor will the revocation of an area of Beerwah State Forest increase costs to the State.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles in accordance with section 4(5) of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

Through departmental correspondence, consultation has occurred with private stakeholders and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

In accordance with *The Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*, the Office of Best Practice Regulation was not consulted in relation to the regulatory proposal. The department applied a self-assessable exclusion from undertaking further regulatory impact analysis (Category g – Regulatory proposals that are of a machinery nature).

All parties support the amendments.

No changes to the amendment regulation were required as a result of the consultation.

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