

# **Proclamation – Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017**

Explanatory Notes for SL 2017 No. 214

made under the

*Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

Proclamation fixing 30 March 2018 as the day for commencement of all sections of the *Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017*, other than part 3, division 3.

### **Authorising law**

Section 2 of the *Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017*.

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

The purpose of the Proclamation is to commence all sections of the *Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017* (the Act), other than part 3, division 3 on 30 March 2018.

Part 3, division 3 commenced by Royal Assent on 31 August 2017.

The Act will:

- prevent the use of 100 per cent fly-in, fly-out (FIFO) workforce arrangements on operational large resource projects
- through amendments to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, prevent discrimination against locals in the future recruitment of workers
- adopt a recruitment hierarchy prioritising recruitment from local and regional communities first then recruitment to the regional community
- make an enhanced social impact assessment (SIA) mandatory for large resource projects
- ensure SIA processes under both the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* are the same.

The Act (part 3, division 3) also amends the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* to prohibit underground coal gasification.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objectives will be achieved by fixing the commencement date of 30 March 2018 for all sections of the Act, other than part 3, division 3.

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

The Proclamation is consistent with the object of the Act.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The benefits and costs of implementing the Act are outlined in the explanatory notes accompanying the Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Bill 2016 (the Bill).

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Consultation was undertaken with relevant stakeholders during the development of the Bill, as outlined in the explanatory notes accompanying the Bill.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation within the Queensland Productivity Commission was not consulted. Under the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*, the Department of State Development self-assessed that the proposal is excluded from further analysis under the Regulatory Impact Analysis system on the basis that a Proclamation is machinery in nature.