Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 29

Made under the

Legal Profession Act 2007

General Outline

Short Title

Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2024

Authorising law

Section 697 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007.*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Section 696 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Act) provides for the Queensland Law Society (QLS) to make society rules for various purposes, including to fix fees, levies and subscriptions in relation to QLS membership.

Under section 697(1) of the Act, society rules have no effect unless the Minister notifies the making of the rules. Under section 697(2) of the Act, the notice is subordinate legislation. The rules made and notified under sections 696 and 697 of the Act are consolidated in the Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007 (Society Rules).

The purpose of the *Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2024* (Notice) is to give notice of the making of the Legal Profession (Society) Amendment Rule (No. 1) 2024 (Amendment Rule) by the QLS Council.

The Amendment Rule amends rule 16 of the Society Rules to provide that the rates of annual subscription are payable in accordance with rule 21 of the Queensland Law Society Administration Rule 2005.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Notice gives effect to the Amendment Rule.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Notice is consistent with the policy objectives of the Act, which provides for the making of society rules.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

The benefit of the Notice is that it gives effect to the mentioned amendments to the Society Rules. There are no costs associated with implementation of the Notice.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The Notice is made at the request of the QLS.