

Proclamation—Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 30

made under the

Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023

General Outline

Short title

Proclamation commencing provisions of the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023* that are not in force.

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023* was assented to on 19 October 2023.

The objective of the proclamation is to commence the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023*. The provisions commenced by the proclamation:

- expand the remit of the *Gas Supply Act 2003* from regulation of the distribution of ‘processed natural gas’ to ‘covered gases’, and make consequential amendments to the *Gas Supply Act 2003*; and
- amend the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* to provide a clear and effective regulatory pathway for a proponent to apply for a pipeline licence for the transmission of hydrogen and hydrogen carriers, and make consequential amendments to the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by fixing the date of 4 April 2024 for the commencement provisions that are not in force.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

Commencing the provisions of the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023* will broaden Queensland's existing pipeline framework to enable hydrogen and other renewable gases to be transported in pipelines. The commencement of the provisions is not expected to present any additional costs for government.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Extensive government and public consultation took place as part of the development of the *Gas Supply and Other Legislation (Hydrogen Industry Development) Amendment Act 2023*.

In accordance with the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy, the Office of Best Practice Regulation was consulted. An Impact Analysis Statement has been completed that identifies that the proclamation is not subject to regulatory impact assessment requirements as it is a regulatory proposal that is machinery in nature.