

STATUTE LAW (MINOR AMENDMENTS) BILL 1995**EXPLANATORY NOTE****Policy objective and reasons for it**

The objective of this Bill, and its companion Bill (the Statute Law Revision Bill 1995), is to further the aim of ensuring that the Queensland statute book is of the highest standard. This Bill does so by making amendments that are concise, of a minor nature and non-controversial.

Statute Law Bills are an important part of maintaining and enhancing the standard of Queensland law. The Bills provide an opportunity to make amendments and repeals that, taken alone, would be of insufficient importance to justify separate legislation. However, the cumulative effect of the amendments and repeals can have a substantial impact on the overall quality of Queensland law.

Way in which policy objective is achieved

The Bill includes a range of minor amendments. The most significant of these include the following—

- amendments to the *Agricultural Standards Act 1994* to revive lapsed regulations and rules for a limited period to enable new regulations and standards to be made
- an amendment to the *Brisbane Forest Park Act 1977* validating the exclusion of certain land from the park
- amendments to the *Childrens Court Act 1992* to revive lapsed rules of court for a limited period to enable new rules to be made
- an amendment to the *Classification of Films Act 1991* to prevent the exhibition of films advertising other films of a more restricted classification
- amendments to the *Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 1962* to enable registers to be kept by computer

- an amendment to the *Sewerage and Water Supply Act 1949* to allow the use of restricted plumber's or drainer's licences
- amendments to the *Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995* to clarify the Act's operation
- amendments to the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1992* to extend aspects of the Act's transitional period.

Alternatives to the Bill

The policy objective can only be achieved by statutory amendments.

Administrative cost to government

There will be no administrative costs to the government arising from the implementation of the Bill.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Bill is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

All Government departments were consulted.

Notes on clauses

Clause 1 provides for the Act's citation.

Clause 2 states the purpose of the Act.

Clause 3 gives effect to the schedule.

Clause 4 declares that explanatory notes in the Bill do not form part of it.

The *schedule* contains minor amendments.

Consistent with other Statute Law Bills, notes on individual amendments are contained at the end of the amendments of each Act.