

Iconic Queensland Places Bill 2008

Explanatory Notes for Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Honourable Paul Lucas, MP

Title of the Bill

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Objectives of the Amendments

There are two minor amendments which are correcting typographical errors.

The policy objective of the third amendment is to ensure the development assessment panel members are subject to similar requirements of accountability and transparency measures as currently apply to local government councillors.

Achievement of the Objectives

The amendment will achieve the policy objective by allowing for the making of a regulation which may provide for a register of interests of panel members, the adoption of a code of conduct and require panel members to record conflicts of interest.

Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives

There are no other viable alternatives that would achieve the Government's policy objectives.

NOTES ON PROVISIONS

Amendment 1 – Amendment at clause 6

Correct typographical error

This amendment simply corrects a drafting error in the reference to the relevant part of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Amendment 2 – Amendment at clause 6

Correct typographical error

This amendment simply corrects a drafting error in the reference to the relevant subsection within the clause.

Amendment 3 – Insertion of clause 70A

Insertion of new section 70A Regulation-making power

This amendment will insert a new section that provides a general regulation-making power.

The clause does not limit section 39(2) which allows for a regulation to provide for the conduct of the panel's business, but provides additional scope for what may be included under a regulation.

The amendment allows for a regulation to provide for a range of measures dealing with transparency and accountability of panel members such as a code of conduct, a register of interests and a record of conflicts of interest not already dealt with by section 36.

It is intended the panel members will be subject to similar requirements as currently apply to local government councillors.

The amendment also allows for the regulation to impose a penalty for contravention of a regulation of no more than 20 penalty units. This is currently equivalent to \$1,500.

These issues are consistent with the accountability and transparency measures applying to local government councillors under the *Local Government Act 1993*.