



Queensland

Professional Engineers Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007

Explanatory Notes for SL 2007 No. 43

made under the

Professional Engineers Act 2002

General outline

Short title

Professional Engineers Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007.

Authorising law

The proposed *Professional Engineers Amendment Regulation 2007* (the Regulation) will be made under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (the Act). Section 144 of the Act provides that the Governor in Council may make a regulation about the fees payable under the Act.

Purpose of the amendment regulation

The Regulation will amend the *Professional Engineers Regulation 2003* by increasing the initial and annual registration fees.

Reasons for the amendment regulation

Costs associated with the regulation of engineers, including administration costs and the costs of disciplinary investigations and proceedings, are met from fees levied on registrants under the Act.

Since the commencement of the Act there has been an increase in the costs of the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland, and in particular for disciplinary investigations and proceedings. The Act expanded the legislative provisions for misconduct investigations and disciplinary proceedings, which are required to be heard at the Commercial and Consumer Tribunal. While costs have increased, there has been no increase in fees, other than increases in accordance with the consumer price index.

Consultation

Consultation has occurred with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Treasury, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, Department of Mines and Energy, Department of State Development, Queensland Transport, Department of Main Roads, Department of Natural Resources and Water and Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries. All government agencies consulted have expressed support for the proposed fee increases.

Industry consultation in relation to the increases in professional engineers' registration fees was also conducted with the following groups:

- Chair, Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland;
- Queensland Division of Engineers Australia;
- The Association of Consulting Engineers, Australia (ACEA);
- Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers, Australia (APESMA);
- The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AUSIMM); and
- Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia, Queensland Division (IPWEA).

All non-government parties consulted have indicated their understanding of the need for the proposed fee increases.

Notes on provisions

Section 1 provides for the short title of the regulation.

Section 2 outlines the regulation to be amended.

Section 3 amends Schedule 1 of the Professional Engineers Regulation 2003 by increasing the following registration fees:

- 1) Registration fee for a period of registration of more than 1 month but not more than 6 months - increased to \$78.00.
- 2) Registration fee for a period of registration of more than 6 months - increased to \$155.00
- 3) Annual registration fee - increased to \$155.00

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Public Works.