



Queensland

Energy Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 93

made under the

Electricity Act 1994

Gas Supply Act 2003

General outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 263 of the *Electricity Act 1994* and section 323 of the *Gas Supply Act 2003*

Policy objectives and reasons for them

The objective of the regulation is to increase prescribed regulatory fees by the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Regulatory fees are reviewed annually under standing Government policy to increase fees and charges by the annual movement in CPI.

Achievement of policy objectives

The regulation will achieve its objective by increasing the relevant fees and charges under schedules to the *Electricity Regulation 2006* and *Gas Supply Regulation 2003* by 3 percent. This CPI adjustment is based on movements in the Brisbane All-Groups CPI from December 2009 to December 2010, which is 3 percent (rounded).

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Electricity Act 1994* and *Gas Supply Act 2003*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The subordinate legislation is not inconsistent with any policy objectives of any legislation

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The *Electricity Act 1994* and *Gas Supply Act 2003* set out the frameworks for the administration of the electricity and gas fees. There are no alternative means to effectively achieve the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Statutory provisions for the collection of prospective revenue formalises administrative practice and provides certainty to the community, industry and to the government in formulating the State and departmental budgets.

There are no additional costs associated with implementing the regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The subordinate legislation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Queensland Treasury was consulted in determining the CPI figure. The result of the consultation was that the 3 percent figure should be used as the basis for annual increases in fees and charges.

The Queensland Office of Regulatory Efficiency was also consulted in determining that a Regulatory Assessment Statement was not required for this subordinate legislation.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

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