



Queensland

Disability Services (Disability Service Standards) Notice 2012

Explanatory Notes for SL 2012 No. 237

made under the

Disability Services Act 2006

General outline

Short title

Disability Services (Disability Service Standards) Notice 2012.

Authorising law

Section 35 of the *Disability Services Act 2006*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The Human Services Quality Standards provide a framework for assessing service providers in a consistent approach across human services for the delivery of quality service provision. The standards aim to enhance the quality of services for people with a disability, families and carers and provide the opportunity for participation in the services they receive.

Under section 34 the *Disability Services Act 2006*, the Minister may make disability service standards for improving the quality of disability services provided by funded service providers.

Section 35 of the Act provides that the Minister must notify the making of a service standard, and that a service standard takes effect on the day the

Minister's notice is notified or published in the gazette or if a later day is stated in the Minister's notice or the service standard, on that day.

The purpose of this notice is to notify the making of the Human Services Quality Standards as the Disability Services Standards, and to give effect to the standards on 1 February 2013.

Achievement of policy objectives

The notice gives effect to the stated objectives.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The notice is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Disability Services Act 2006*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

The benefit of this notice is to give effect to the Human Services Quality Standards as the Disability Service Standards. There are no significant costs associated with this notice.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The legislation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation has not been undertaken in making the notice, as it is a legislative requirement to give effect to the Government's decision to replace the current Disability Service Standards with the Human Services Quality Standards.

The Human Services Quality Standards were the subject of consultation with the sector during the development of the Human Services Quality Framework.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

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