



Queensland

Water (Bulk Water Supply Code) Notice 2012

Explanatory Notes for SL 2012 No. 256

made under the

Water Act 2000

Short title

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Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Act ('the Amending Act') amended Chapter 2A of the Water Act to replace requirements for entities buying and selling declared water service to register under the Minister of Energy and Water Supply's (Minister's) SEQ Market Rules. This was done as a result of the Amending Act which provided for the merger of bulk entities in South East Queensland and the abolition of the Queensland Water Commissioner who administered the Market Rules. These requirements were replaced with the power the Minister to make a Bulk Water Supply Code (Code) for the operational and pricing matters provided for in sections 360M and 360O of the Amending Act. The process for the making of the Code is similar to that for the Market Rules, where the Code only becomes effective upon a gazettal of a notice (made by the Minister) of the making of the Code.

The policy objective is put the Code into effect on 1 January 2013 (the anticipated gazettal date for the Code and bulk merger). The Code will, among other things, provide for the operational interface between the bulk and distribution supply chain in SEQ and provide for pricing and access arrangements.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Regulation will achieve the objectives by providing the notice for the Minister's making of the Code.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The Amending Act requires the notice to be made for the Code to become effective.

Estimated cost for government implementation

There will be no associated costs.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

There are no associated fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Due to the nature of the notice consultation is unnecessary. Stakeholders have been consulted in the development of the Code itself.

Notes on provisions

Clause 1 states the short title for this Bill.

Clause 2 provides the relevant notice of making of the Code.

Clause 3 provides that the Code takes effect on 1 January 2013.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Energy and Water Supply.