

# Professional Standards (Professional Surveyors Occupational Association Scheme) Notice 2013

Explanatory Notes for SL 2013 No. 225

made under the

*Professional Standards Act 2004*

## General outline

### Short title

*Professional Standards (Professional Surveyors Occupational Association Scheme) Notice 2013.*

### Authorising law

Section 14(1) of the *Professional Standards Act 2004* (the Act) provides for the Minister to give notice of the approval of an 'interstate scheme' under the Act by the appropriate council for the jurisdiction in which the interstate scheme was prepared.

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Under the Act, an interstate scheme is a scheme to limit the civil liability of professionals and others, prepared under the corresponding law of another jurisdiction and that operates, or indicates an intention to operate, as a scheme of Queensland. Under section 14 of the Act the Minister must give notice of a council's approval of an interstate scheme and the notice is subordinate legislation.

The primary objective of this subordinate legislation is to give notice of the approval by the Professional Standards Council of New South Wales of the Professional Surveyors Occupational Association Scheme (the scheme), designed to limit the occupational liability of members of the Professional Surveyors Occupational Association (PSOA).

The scheme will apply to all PSOA members who or which comply with the requirements of the PSOA and hold the required insurance.

### Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives are achieved by giving notice of the approval of the scheme by the Professional Standards Council of New South Wales.

The notice also repeals the *Professional Standards (Professional Surveyors' Occupational Association Scheme) Notice 2010* which gave notice of the approval of

the previous Professional Surveyors' Occupational Association Scheme. This scheme will expire on 11 November 2013.

### **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The notice is consistent with the main objects of the Act.

### **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

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

### **Alternative ways of achieving policy**

There is no alternative way of achieving the policy.

### **Benefits and costs of implementation**

There are no costs associated with the implementation of this notice.

### **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

### **Consultation**

Notice of the proposed scheme was published in *The Australian*, *The Courier Mail*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The NT News* and *The Melbourne Age*. Advice of the notification was also sent to 200 stakeholders and interested others.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was consulted in relation to the proposed notice and confirmed that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required.