

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE AMENDMENT REGULATION (NO. 1) 2013

Explanatory notes for SL 2013 No. 297

made under the

Fire and Rescue Services Act 1990

General Outline

Short title

Fire and Rescue Service Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013.

Authorising law

Section 154 of the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990* provides the power to make regulations for the purposes of the Act.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the *Fire and Rescue Service Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013* (the Regulation) is to ensure an equitable scheme exists for contributions made by prescribed property owners to the Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy (the levy). The levy provides funding for emergency management, fire and rescue services across the State. The levy is collected by local governments on behalf of the State.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Regulation achieves its objective by:

- capping the contribution that a class E prescribed property owner in Levy groups 7 to 16 inclusive is required to pay for the financial year starting on 1 January 2014 and ending on 30 June 2014 to the amount specified in Levy group 6, namely \$657.80.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the long title of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative means to effectively achieve the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Government will not incur any additional costs due to the implementation of this legislation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation has been drafted in a manner consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Local Government Association of Queensland, Queensland Treasury and Trade and the Office of Best Practice Regulation were consulted in the process of making the Regulation.