

# **Disaster Management Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015**

Explanatory notes for SL 2015 No. 35

made under the

*Disaster Management Act 2003*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Disaster Management Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015*

### **Authorising law**

Section 148 of the *Disaster Management Act 2003*

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The *Disaster Management Act 2003* (the Act) governs disaster management arrangements for the State by establishing disaster management groups that are responsible for certain areas. These disaster management groups include Local Disaster Management Groups (a local group), District Disaster Management Groups (a district group) and the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (the State group).

The Act prescribes that a local group is responsible for a local government area or areas, a district group is responsible for its disaster district, and the State group is responsible for the entire State.

Disaster districts are defined in the schedule to the Act as 'a part of the State prescribed under a regulation as a disaster district'. Disaster districts are based on local government boundaries with many disaster districts being comprised of a number of local government areas.

Disaster districts were first published in *Disaster Districts Notice (No. 1) 1997* (the Notice) in Queensland Government Gazette No. 98 on 19 December 1997 in accordance with the *State Counter-Disaster Organisation Act 1975*. The Notice created 23 disaster districts and prescribed the relevant local government authorities (or part thereof) that formed them.

Since then, there have been a number of amalgamations and de-amalgamations of local governments. These changes affect local government areas across the State and consequently the composition of disaster districts. However, the disaster districts have not been prescribed by regulation.

The objective of the *Disaster Management Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015* (the amendment regulation) is to formalise the location of disaster districts in Queensland.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The amendment regulation achieves its objective by prescribing in a schedule to the *Disaster Management Regulation 2014* a list of each disaster district and its corresponding local government area or areas.

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

The amendment regulation is consistent with the objects of the Act.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The amendment regulation will not impose any additional costs on Government.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The amendment regulation is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

## **Consultation**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Treasury and the Office of Best Practice Regulation were consulted and support the amendment regulation.