

# **Waste Reduction and Recycling (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017**

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 31

made under the

*Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Waste Reduction and Recycling (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017*

### **Authorising law**

Section 271 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.

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

The objectives of the regulation are to amend the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011* to prescribe application fees relating to an end of waste framework, which commenced under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* on 8 November 2016.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objectives are to be achieved by updating the fee nomenclature in Schedule 7 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011* in order to replace terminology associated with the old beneficial use approval framework with terminology for the current end of waste framework. More specifically, references to 'specific approvals' will be replaced with 'end of waste approvals'. There are no new or additional fees.

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

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*, which include promoting waste avoidance and reduction, and resource recovery and efficiency actions.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The amendments are not expected to add to the administrative cost of the Queensland Government.

The amendment to the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011* seeks only to update the fee nomenclature in Schedule 7 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011* in order to replace terminology associated with the old beneficial use approval framework with terminology for the current end of waste framework.

More specifically, references to 'specific approvals' will be replaced with 'end of waste approvals'.

The amounts of the fees have not been increased compared to the old framework and new or additional fees have not been introduced, consequently there are no new costs to industry compared to the old framework which was replaced on 8 November 2016.

The benefit of implementation will be to provide certainty to industry on the costs of lodging applications under the end of waste framework.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The *Legislative Standards Act 1992* was considered during the drafting of this regulation and the amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Office of Best Practice Regulation in determining that the amendments are excluded from the requirement to undertake a Regulatory Impact Statement.

## Notes on Provisions

### Clause 1 Short title

This clause states that the short title of this regulation is the *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017*.

### Clause 2 Commencement

This clause states that the regulation commences on the day it is made.

### Clause 3 Replacement of schedule 7 (Fees)

This clause replaces the fee schedule for the old beneficial use approval framework with a new fee schedule for the end of waste framework.

Items 2 to 4 of the old fee schedule contained references to 'specific approvals' which are not relevant to the current end of waste framework. These instances of 'specific approvals' have been replaced with 'end of waste approvals'.