

# **Fire and Emergency Services (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017**

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 87

made under the

*Building Act 1975*

*Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Fire and Emergency Services (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017*

### **Authorising law**

Section 261 of the *Building Act 1975*

Sections 108 and 154E of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*

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

In accordance with Government policy, regulatory fees and charges are reviewed annually. Indexation of fees and charges seeks to maintain their value over time, relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs. The current Government indexation policy is that fees and charges are to be indexed by 3.5% for the 2017-2018 financial year.

The objective of the *Fire and Emergency Services (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017* (the Amendment Regulation) is to amend the following regulations to apply annual indexation of fees and charges in accordance with the current Government indexation policy:

- *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*; and
- *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011*.

The Amendment Regulation also amends the date of the levy district map within section 7 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011* to reflect the current

year and makes reference to part 10 of chapter 3 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* to comply with modern drafting practices.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The Amendment Regulation achieves its objectives by applying the indexation policy to fees and charges in the following regulations:

- *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*; and
- *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011*.

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

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the authorising Acts. Each of those Acts provides for fees to be prescribed by regulation.

## **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 Amendment Regulation will not impose any additional cost on Government. Implementation costs are limited to adjusting communication materials and forms that mention the fees. These costs are negligible and will be met through existing budgets.

## **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**

As the Amendment Regulation increases fees in accordance with existing government policy, industry or community consultation on the increase of fees has not been undertaken.