

Nature Conservation (Administration) (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2017

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 120

made under the

Nature Conservation Act 1992

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 175 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the amendment regulation is to index regulatory fees for the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR) for 2017-18. The Stock Grazing Permit (SGP) and Apiary fees have been subject to the annual review required under Government policy. Queensland Treasury has approved for the 2017-18 SGP and Apiary fees to be reduced to the 2015-16 fee amount.

The indexed fees have been rounded in accordance with the department's current rounding policy.

Achievement of policy objectives

This amendment regulation will achieve its objective by adjusting fees and charges under the *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006*.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment regulation is consistent with the objective of the relevant Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

The indexation of fees provides a mechanism understood by the community and industry to maintain price relativity, aiding the Government in formulating the State and departmental budgets.

There are no additional costs associated with implementing the amendment regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

In accordance with the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation, the Office of Best Practice Regulation was not consulted in relation to the regulatory proposal. NPSR applied a self-assessable exclusion from undertaking further regulatory impact analysis (Category (h) – Regulatory proposal that put forward standard annual fee variations in line with or below a government endorsed indexation factor).