

# **Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2018**

Explanatory notes for SL 2018 No. 49

made under the

*Legal Profession Act 2007*

## **General Outline**

Short Title

*Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2018*

### **Authorising law**

Section 697 of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (the Act).

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

Section 696 of the Act provides for the Queensland Law Society (QLS) to make society rules for various purposes, including: to define, and carry out, the objects of the QLS; for the regulation and good government of the QLS and its members; and to fix fees, levies and subscriptions in relation to QLS membership.

Under section 697(1) of the Act, QLS rules have no effect unless the Minister notifies the making of the rules. Under subsection (2), the notice is subordinate legislation. The rules made and notified to date under sections 696 and 697 of the Act are consolidated in the *Legal Profession (Society) Rules 2007* (the Society Rules).

The purpose of the *Legal Profession (Society Rules) Amendment Notice 2018* (the Notice) is to give notice of the making of the *Legal Profession (Society) Amendment Rule (No. 1) 2018* (the Amendment Rule) by the QLS Council.

The Amendment Rule amends rule 16 of the Society Rules, which deals with the rates of annual subscription payable by QLS members. The Amendment Rule provides for the rates of annual subscription for full, associate and other members for the financial year commencing 1 July 2018 and deletes the redundant fee provision for the financial year commencing 1 July 2016.

The Amendment Rule also amends rules 8 and 9 of the Society Rules to permit Associate Members and Student Members to receive notice of, and attend, general meetings of the QLS.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The Notice gives effect to the Amendment Rule.

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

The Notice is consistent with the policy objectives of the Act.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

There are no costs associated with the implementation of the Notice.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

The Notice is being made at the request of the QLS.