

# **Weapons and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2019**

Explanatory notes for SL 2019 No. 102

made under the

*Prostitution Act 1999*

*Weapons Act 1990*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Weapons and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2019*

### **Authorising law**

Section 140 of the *Prostitution Act 1999*.

Section 172 of the *Weapons Act 1990*.

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

The purpose of the *Weapons and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2019* (the Amendment Regulation) is to amend the *Prostitution Regulation 2014* and the *Weapons Regulation 2016* to implement the Government's indexation rate policy on annual fees and charges by 2.25%.

In accordance with Government policy, regulatory fees and charges are reviewed annually. Indexation of fees and charges seek to maintain their value over time, relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs.

In March 2019, the Government determined that the indexation rate for fees and charges would reduce to 2.25% per annum for 2019-20 to provide a more contemporary estimate of price changes for the year and to relieve cost of living pressures.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The Amendment Regulation achieves its objectives by applying the Government indexation rate policy to fees and charges in the *Prostitution Regulation 2014* and the *Weapons Regulation 2016*.

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

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the authorising Acts.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Implementation costs are limited to adjusting communication materials and forms that refer to fees and charges under the *Prostitution Regulation 2014* and the *Weapons Regulation 2016*. 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**

The Queensland Police Service has concluded that the Amendment Regulation is exempt from regulatory impact analysis as it falls within the following exclusion categories outlined in the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation:

- category (h) 'Regulatory proposals that put forward standard annual fee variations in line with or below a government endorsed indexation factor'.

Consequently, the Office of Best Practice Regulation was not consulted about the Regulation.