

Racing Integrity (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2019

Explanatory Notes for SL 2019 No. 129

made under the

Racing Integrity Act 2016

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 56 of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Regulatory fees and charges are reviewed on an annual basis in line with Government policy on the indexation of fees and charges. Indexation seeks to maintain the value of the regulatory fee or charge over time relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs.

Queensland Treasury (QT) has advised that the annual indexation rate for fees and charges is 2.25 percent for 2019-2020.

The objective of the amendment regulation is to amend regulatory fees and charges under the *Racing Integrity Regulation 2016* by the indexation rate of 2.25 per cent.

Achievement of policy objectives

The amendment regulation achieves its objectives by increasing the fees and charges under the *Racing Integrity Regulation* by 2.25 per cent.

As per the *Queensland Government Principles for Fees and Charges 2018* published by QT, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has an approved rounding policy whereby fees are rounded to the nearest dollar unless the value is more than the indexation rate. Consistent with QRIC's policy, the amended fees have been rounded down to the nearest dollar.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Racing Integrity Act 2016*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

The implementation costs for Government from the amendment regulation are limited to adjusting systems, communication materials and forms that are relevant to the collection of the fees.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment regulation has been drafted with regard to, and is consistent with, fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

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. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries applied a self-assessable exclusion from undertaking further regulatory impact analysis on the basis of Category (h) - Regulatory proposals that put forward annual fee variations in line with or below a government endorsed indexation factor.