

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019

Explanatory notes for SL 2019 No. 134

made under the

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019

General Outline

Short title

Proclamation to commence provisions of the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019*.

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2019* (the Amendment Act) provides for the Act to commence by proclamation.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to fix 12 July 2019 as the commencement date for the following provisions of the Amendment Act, which are not yet in force:

- part 1A which amends the *Civil Proceedings Act 2011* to provide a referee (and parties appearing, witnesses attending and documents produced before a referee) with the protection and immunity they would have if the matter were before the Supreme Court; and
- part 6 which amends the *Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991* to allow court rules to be made about the use of referees in proceedings.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives is achieved by fixing 12 July 2019 as the commencement date for parts 1A and 6 of the Amendment Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Amendment Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no costs associated with implementing the Amendment Act.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General has self-assessed the Amendment Regulation to be excluded from further regulatory impact analysis under exclusion category (j) of the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation* as it is a regulatory proposal relating to the administration of courts and tribunals.