

Professional Standards (Association of Consulting Surveyors National Professional Standards Scheme) Notice 2020

Explanatory notes for SL 2020 No. 99

Made under the

Professional Standards Act 2004

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 14 of the *Professional Standards Act 2004* (the Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Each state and territory in Australia has similar professional standards legislation which is designed to reduce the cost of, and facilitate the obtaining of, professional indemnity insurance for members of an occupational association that has an approved scheme. The professional standards legislation in each jurisdiction provides for a Professional Standards Council (PSC) to approve and monitor schemes. A consequence of a scheme being approved is that occupational liability is restricted to the amount of the monetary ceiling for the scheme.

Section 14(1) of the Act requires the Minister to give notice of the approval of an interstate scheme by the appropriate PSC for the jurisdiction in which the scheme was prepared. Under section 14(2), the notice is subordinate legislation.

The primary objective of the *Professional Standards (Association of Consulting Surveyors National Professional Standards Scheme) Notice 2020* (the Notice) is to give notice of the approval of the Association of Consulting Surveyors National Professional Standards Scheme (the Scheme) by the PSC of New South Wales (the Council).

The Scheme will limit the occupational liability of members of the Association of Consulting Surveyors National Limited (the Association) including natural person members and business entity members. The Scheme provides a discretion for the Association to exempt, on application, a participating member from the Scheme. The Scheme provides a hierarchy of monetary ceilings (caps) depending on the annual fee income of a member. The Scheme also provides a discretionary authority for the Association to specify a higher cap.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives are achieved by giving notice of the approval of the Scheme by the Council.

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

The notice will allow the Scheme to have effect in Queensland. 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

Notice of the Scheme was published in newspapers circulating throughout each state and territory.

The Queensland Productivity Commission has not been consulted because the Notice is excluded from regulatory impact analysis under *The Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation* as a regulatory proposal of a machinery nature.