

# **Proclamation – *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022***

Explanatory Notes for SL 2023 No. 10

made under the

*Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*

## **General outline**

### **Short title**

Proclamation commencing specified provisions of the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*.

### **Authorising law**

Section 2 of the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*.

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

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence specified provisions of the *Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*.

The primary purposes of the sections are to:

1. Establish the Auditor-General as an Officer of the Parliament and include a requirement for an oath of office, to be given within 28 days of commencement of the provision.
2. Place an employment restriction on a person who has been the Auditor-General, prohibiting employment in the public sector for two years after leaving the role.
3. Enable the Auditor-General to undertake performance audits of Government Owned Corporations.
4. Ensure the Queensland Integrity Commissioner is not subject to any direction concerning the way the commissioner performs their functions under the Act and priority given to ethics or integrity issues.
5. Create the new Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner and the new role of Queensland Deputy Integrity Commissioner.
6. Create the new offence of unregistered lobbying.
7. Reduce the strategic review period for the Ombudsman from seven years to five, in line with other integrity bodies' strategic review timeframes.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective is achieved by fixing the commencement date of 1 March 2023 for the specified sections of the Act.

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

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

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

No inconsistencies with the policy objectives of other legislation have been identified.

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

The Proclamation is the only effective means of achieving the policy objective.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The benefits and costs of implementing the Act are outlined in the explanatory notes for the Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Consultation was undertaken with relevant stakeholders during the development of the Integrity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022. Further consultation on this proclamation has been undertaken with the Queensland Integrity Commissioner and the Queensland Audit Office which have supported commencing the specified provisions.