

# Police Service Administration (Oath and Affirmation) Amendment Regulation 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 11

made under the

*Police Service Administration Act 1990*

## General Outline

### Short title

*Police Service Administration (Oath and Affirmation) Amendment Regulation 2024*

### Authorising law

Sections 3.3 and 10.28 of the *Police Service Administration Act 1990*

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (PSAA) provides for the administration, membership and functions of the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

Section 3.3 ‘Oath of office’ of the PSAA provides that before a person can exercise the functions, powers and duties related to the office of a police officer they must take, or make, and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed under sections 4 and 5 of the *Police Service Administration Regulation 2016* (the Regulation).

The objective of the *Police Service Administration (Oath and Affirmation) Amendment Regulation 2024* (the Amendment Regulation) is to modernise the wording and language of the oath of office taken by police officers to:

- reflect the change of Sovereign; and
- remain contemporary to the organisation’s values, functions, powers, and duties related to the office of a police officer and community expectations.

### Achievement of policy objectives

The Amendment Regulation achieves its objectives by amending the Regulation to replace sections 4 and 5 with contemporary language aligned with the organisation’s values, functions, powers, and duties related to the office of a police officer, whilst also complying with legislative requirements and current drafting standards.

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

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objects of the PSAA which includes the maintenance, membership, development, and administration of the QPS.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The Amendment Regulation further supports the legislative frameworks underpinning the functions, powers and duties related to the office of a police officer by ensuring the prescribed wording and language of the oath of office remains relevant and contemporary to the organisation's values, functions of service and community expectations.

Any costs incurred through the implementation of the Amendment Regulation will be met through existing budgets.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

In compliance with the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy, an Impact Analysis Statement has been completed.

The Queensland Police Union of Employees and the Queensland Police Commissioned Officer's Union of Employees were consulted and both unions support the Amendment Regulation.