

# **Forensic Science Queensland Act 2024**

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 63

Made under the

*Forensic Science Queensland Act 2024*

## **General Outline**

### **Short Title**

*Proclamation – Forensic Science Queensland Act 2024*

### **Authorising law**

Section 2 of the *Forensic Science Queensland Act 2024*

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

The principal policy objective of the *Forensic Science Queensland Act 2024* (the Act) is to establish a statutory framework that ensures reliable, independent, impartial and high-quality forensic services that support the administration of criminal justice in Queensland.

The Act received assent on 28 March 2024.

Section 2 of the Act provides for commencement on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective is achieved by fixing 1 July 2024 as the commencement date for all provisions 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**

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Commencing provisions of the Act will help ensure high quality, reliable, independent and impartial forensic services for the administration of criminal justice in Queensland. The Act supports this through the establishment of:

- The Director of Forensic Science Queensland to lead the provision of forensic services in Queensland;
- a Forensic Science Queensland ‘office’, comprised of public sector staff, to deliver forensic services; and
- the Forensic Science Queensland Advisory Council to give advice and make recommendations about particular matters.

Costs of commencing provisions of the Act will be met from existing budget allocations.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

No public consultation was undertaken in relation to the proclamation given that it is machinery in nature.