

Proclamation – Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 69

made under the

Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence the *Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (DMOLA Act) on 1 July 2024.

The DMOLA Act is a component of a suite of legislative reforms that will restructure Queensland's emergency services and disaster management arrangements as part of Government's response to the *Independent Review of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services* and certain recommendations made in the *Review of Queensland's Disaster Management Arrangements* by the Inspector-General of Emergency Management. This will be achieved by amending:

- the *Disaster Management Act 2003* to enhance Queensland's disaster management arrangements;
- the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* to establish Queensland Fire and Rescue (QFR) and Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ) as dedicated fire services under the Act; and
- the *Queensland Reconstruction Authority Act 2011* to expand the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's functions.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by fixing a commencement date of 1 July 2024 for the DMOLA Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

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

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

There are no alternative means to achieve the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Commencing the DMOLA Act will enhance Queensland's emergency services and disaster management arrangements.

As outlined in the explanatory notes for the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill), the estimated costs for government implementation will be met through an allocation of a total funding package of up to \$578 million over five years from 2023–2024 and \$142 million per annum ongoing.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

A Reform Implementation Taskforce was established to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the reforms to the emergency services portfolio. The Reform Implementation Taskforce consulted with relevant stakeholders during the development of the Bill. A consultation draft of the Bill was also provided to key stakeholders and stakeholder feedback was taken into account in finalising the Bill.

An Impact Analysis Statement has been completed that identifies that the Proclamation is not subject to regulatory impact assessment requirements under the *Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* as it is a regulatory proposal that is machinery in nature.