

Proclamation – Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 104

made under the

Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024

General Outline

Short title

Proclamation commencing certain provisions of the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024*.

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The policy objective of this proclamation is to commence the provisions of the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024* (Energy Act) that are not in force. Provisions commenced by this proclamation will support a coordinated, planned, and methodical energy transformation in Queensland. In particular, the proclamation provides for the commencement of provisions relevant to the:

- Priority Transmission Investments framework (Part 5), to facilitate the identification, assessment, construction, and cost recovery critical transmission infrastructure required for Queensland’s energy transformation;
- Job Security Guarantee Fund (Part 7), to ensure affected energy workers are supported through the energy transformation;
- reporting requirements for the Queensland Energy System Advisory Board (Board) (Part 2, section 11 and Part 8), the Energy Industry Council (Council) (Part 9) and the Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate (Jobs Advocate) (Part 10);
- review of the operation and effectiveness of the Job Security Guarantee Fund, the Board, the Council and the Jobs Advocate (section 176);
- transitional requirements under the Act (Part 12, section(s) 179 and 180); and
- relevant definitions in Schedule 1 (Dictionary).

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by fixing the commencement date of 1 July 2024 for the provisions supporting the above-mentioned policy objectives.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Energy Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no costs to government associated with the proclamation of these provisions.

The cost for government implementation of the provisions to be commenced by the proclamation will be met by future Budgetary processes. Any government costs for monitoring and reporting on commitments and the implementation of the Job Security Guarantee Fund will be met from within existing budget allocations, while financial directions through the Priority Transmission Investment framework will be subject to future Cabinet Budget Review Committee consideration.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Extensive government and public consultation took place as part of the development and progression of the Energy Act.

No further consultation has been undertaken in relation to the proclamation.