

Proclamation – Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 233

made under the

Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023

General Outline

Short title

Proclamation for the commencement of the provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023* that are not in force

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence the remaining provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023* (Amendment Act) that are not in force.

The provisions commenced by the Proclamation amend the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act) to:

- explicitly empower an authorised person to use a body-worn camera while exercising powers; and
- make it an offence for particular persons to use or disclose confidential information obtained in the course of performing functions under the EP Act.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective is achieved by fixing the commencement of 27 September 2024 for the provisions of the Amendment Act that are not in force.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Amendment 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 ways of achieving the policy objectives.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The commencement of the provisions is not expected to present any additional costs for government. 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.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

This Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with relevant stakeholders during the development of the Amendment Act.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was notified of the Proclamation.