

Health Ombudsman Act 2013

Explanatory notes for SL 2013 No. 211

made under the

Health Ombudsman Act 2013

General Outline

Short title

Health Ombudsman Act 2013.

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the proclamation is to commence certain sections of the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* necessary for the implementation phase. Specifically, these sections will enable:

- the Health Ombudsman to be appointed,
- information to be disclosed to the Health Ombudsman during the interim period, and
- the negotiation and transfer of funds from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), to reflect the cost of the Health Ombudsman performing functions under the Bill that would otherwise have been performed by the national boards and AHPRA.

Achievement of policy objectives

The proclamation will commence certain sections of the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* on 1 November 2013.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The proclamation is consistent with the main objectives of the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

No inconsistencies with the policy objectives of other legislation have been identified.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The proclamation is the only effective means of commencing certain sections of the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013* on 1 November 2013.

Benefits and costs of implementation

As outlined in the Explanatory Notes to the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*, it is intended that the Bill will be cost neutral for government.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles, as set out in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

Stakeholders and relevant Government agencies have been consulted or advised of the commencement date, during development of the proclamation.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is Queensland Health.

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