



Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development
Name of the proposal	Postponement of commencement of the Land Access Ombudsman and Financial Provisioning provisions in the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024</i>
Submission type (Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment (Postponement) Regulation 2025</i>
Date of issue	12 February 2025

For proposals noted in table below

No further analysis is required.

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>The <i>Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024</i> (Amendment Act) was given Royal Assent on 18 June 2024, with sections 2(bb) and 2(c) of the Amendment Act providing for Parts 7-10, Part 14 and Schedule 1, Part 2 to commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation.</p> <p>It is proposed that the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment (Postponement) Regulation 2025</i> (Postponement Regulation) is made to delay the commencement of certain provisions relating to the <i>Land Access Ombudsman Act 2017</i> (LAO Act) and <i>Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Act 2018</i> (MERFP Act) made in the Amendment Act. These amendments are due to automatically commence in June 2025.</p> <p>It is proposed to delay the commencement of the LAO Act provisions for a further 12 months (until June 2026) to enable effective development and consultation on the implementation requirements for the legislative amendments. This delay will also enable the establishment of an appropriate corporate structure to deliver the expanded functions for the LAO implemented through the Amendment Act.</p> <p>It is also proposed to delay the commencement of the MERFP Act amendments to provide sufficient time to finalise changes to the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Regulation 2019</i> required to support the MERFP Act amendments.</p>



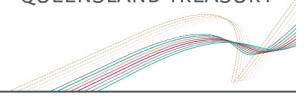
	<p>The postponement of the commencement of the relevant provisions is machinery in nature and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or new impacts on business, government or the community. No further regulatory impact analysis is required under <i>The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i> (September 2023).</p> <p>Part 7 of the Amendment Act provides for the Land Access Ombudsman (LAO) to become a statutory body with an Advisory Council funded by an industry levy. It also expands the LAO's remit to provide support to stakeholders on a broader range of land access disputes through increased investigation activity and an alternative dispute resolution pathway.</p> <p>Notes to the following provisions in Parts 8, 10 and 14 of the Amendment Act refer to Part 7 of the Amendment Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 88 – amending s 196I(c) <i>Mineral and Energy Resources Common Provisions Act 2014</i> • ss 133 and 138 – amending ss 85AA and 283C <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> • s 180 – amending s 426 <i>Water Act 2000</i> <p>The Postponement Regulation extends the period before automatic commencement of Part 7, and the notes in particular provisions in Parts 8, 10 and 14 of the Act, to the end of 18 June 2026. These provisions will now automatically commence on 19 June 2026.</p> <p>The Postponement Regulation also extends the period before automatic commencement of Part 9 and Schedule 1, Part 2 of the Amendment Act to 19 June 2026, as it pertains to the <i>Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Act 2018</i> (MERFP Act). This means Part 9 and Schedule 1, Part 2 of the Amendment Act will now automatically commence on 19 June 2026.</p>
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Impact assessment

All proposals – complete:

	First full year	First 10 years**
Direct costs – Compliance costs*	NIL	NIL
Direct costs – Government costs	NIL	NIL

* The *direct costs calculator tool* (available at www.treasury.qld.gov.au/betterregulation) should be used to calculate direct costs of regulatory burden. If the proposal has no costs, report as zero. **Agency to note where a longer or different timeframe may be more appropriate.



Signed

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Graham Fraine
Director-General
Date 13/05/2025

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Dale Last MP
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Minister for Manufacturing
Minister for Regional and Rural Development
Date 16/05/2025