



Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Lead department	Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Name of the proposal	Fire Services Amendment Regulation 2024
Submission type <i>(Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)</i>	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Fire Services Act 1990</i> <i>Fire Services Regulation 2011</i>
Date of issue	June 2024

Note: From 1 July 2024, immediately prior to the commencement of the *Fire Services Amendment Regulation 2024*, the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* will be renamed the *Fire Services Act 1990* and the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011* will be renamed the *Fire Services Regulation 2011*. There will also be a renumbering of provisions within the renamed *Fire Services Act 1990*.

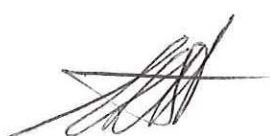
Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>Update to the definition of 'levy district map'</p> <p>The Emergency Management Levy (EML) is imposed under the <i>Fire Services Act 1990</i> (FS Act) and applies to 'prescribed properties' within the various levy districts throughout the State. The EML is collected by local governments, generally as part of rates notices. Prescribed properties cover the majority of the State and the amount of EML a property owner is required to contribute depends on the proximity of their property to firefighting services and their use of the land.</p> <p>To assist in the administration of the EML, the Queensland Fire Department (QFD) produces levy district maps which show the boundaries and names of the various levy districts throughout the State. With residential development and expansion, the boundaries of those levy districts are reviewed annually to ensure the burden of the EML is shared fairly across the State.</p> <p>Section 7 of the <i>Fire Services Regulation 2011</i> (FS Regulation) currently defines a 'levy district map' to mean a map held by the Commissioner immediately before 1 July 2023. The Amendment Regulation therefore updates the year in the definition of 'levy district map' to '2024'.</p> <p>For the 2024–25 year, there is a change to the boundaries of the Kilcoy levy district map. No regulatory amendment is required for this as it is the result of the operation of existing provisions within the FS Regulation. The change will result in 257 properties moving from a class E levy district to the class D Kilcoy levy district. This is due to changes in land use resulting from property development in the area rather than a change in the policy settings or the application of those settings and the change to the levy district map is being made as a result of the operation of existing provisions within the FS Regulation. This is, however, expected to only impact two businesses that</p>



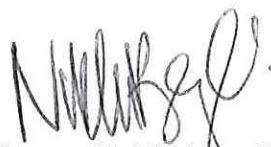
	<p>fall within the levy category of 'Industry (light, service or offensive) (gross floor area of 5,501–7,500m²)', (levy group 9) and 'Industry (heavy) (gross floor area of more than 15,000m²)', (levy group 12). These businesses will see an increase of \$6026.40 and \$48,262.60 respectively from the current contribution of \$1752.20 in their 2024–25 EML contributions. This will equate to total amounts of \$7778.60 and \$50,014.80.</p> <p>All other properties in the area will not see any increase to their EML contribution. This is because, for the lower levy groups (group 6 and below), there is no difference in levy contribution between class D and class E. So, for example, residential properties moving into the class D Kilcoy levy district will pay the same levy group 2 EML in 2024–25 (that is, \$119.00) as those residential properties in their previous class E district.</p> <p>As the boundary change to the Kilcoy levy district map is the result of the application of current legislative provisions, no external consultation was undertaken. However, direct contact on the change has been made with the two impacted businesses that will see an increase to their EML. Advice has also been provided to the United Firefighters Union of Queensland, the Rural Fire Brigades Association of Queensland, the local rural fire brigades, the Somerset Regional Council and the Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>QFD has assessed this proposal as machinery in nature as it involves the routine annual update to the dates and boundaries that apply to levy district maps. The changes to the Kilcoy levy district map and associated changes in how properties are classified for the purposes of the EML arise due to changes in land use resulting from property development in the area. The impacts do not arise from changes in the policy settings underpinning sections 7 and 8 of the FS Regulation or the application of those settings and there is negligible regulatory cost arising from the change.</p>
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Impact assessment

	First full year	First 10 years
Direct costs – Compliance costs	The two businesses impacted by the change to the boundaries of the Kilcoy levy district will see an increase of \$6,026.40 and \$48,262.60 in their 2024–25 EML contribution, from \$1,752.20 to \$7,778.60 and from \$1,752.20 to \$50,014.80.	The two businesses impacted by the change to the boundaries of the Kilcoy levy district will see an increase of \$60,264.00 and \$482,626.00 in their EML contributions over the first 10 years following the increase.
Direct costs – Government costs	N/A	N/A


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