

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Section 44 of the Electricity Act 1971 provides for the making of regulations for the purposes of the Act. In particular, sections 24 and 26 provide for the payment of a prescribed fee for the issue or renewal of a licence.

The Electricity Regulations ("the Regulations") set fees for the issue or renewal of electrical contractors' and electricians' licences. These fees have not been revised since being prescribed in 1971 and no longer reflect appropriate levels of fees. The proposed new fees are less than similar fees set in certain other States and the Northern Territory of Australia.

Details of the amending Regulations are set out below.

Regulation 1 amends Regulation 2 of the Regulations to provide that the fee for the issue or renewal of an electrical contractor's licence is increased from \$5 to \$50.

Regulation 2 amends Regulation 3 of the Regulations to provide that the fee for the issue or renewal of an electrician's licence is increased from \$2 to \$25.



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