

CLAUSE NOTES
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
(REGULATORY REFORM AMENDMENTS) BILL 2020

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

- Clause 1 Short title**
Specifies the name of the proposed Act.
- Clause 2 Commencement**
Provides that the Act will commence on a day or days to be proclaimed.

PART 2 – ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY ACT 1995 AMENDED

- Clause 3 Principal Act**
Nominates the Principal Act being the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*
- Clause 4 Part 3, Division 5B inserted**
Provides for transmission and distribution entities to be notified by planning authorities in relation to planning applications providing the opportunity for them to become involved earlier in the approvals process.

The clause also provides for the making of Regulations to prescribe the stages of the design and connection of services and the associated timeframes for delivery of services.

PART 3 – LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AMENDED

- Clause 5 Principal Act**
Nominates the Principal Act being the *Land Use and Approvals Act 1993*
- Clause 6 Section 51A inserted (Fees payable for an application)**
The Act has been amended to provide for the timeframes in which a planning authority must issue a fee following the lodgement of a planning application or an amendment to an existing application.

A default commencement date of 5 days applies to the application if an invoice has not been issued within 4 days by the planning authority.
- Clause 7 Section 54 amended (Additional information)**
Amends the time period in which a planning authority must notify the applicant whether a request for additional information has been satisfied from 14 days to 5 working days.

- Clause 8** **Section 56 amended (Minor amendments of permits issued by a planning authority)**
Provides that a planning authority must, within 28 days of receiving a minor amendment to a planning permit, amend or refuse to amend the permit.
- Clause 9** **Section 56AA inserted (Fees for amendments of permits)**
Aligns the process for dealing with fees for minor amendments with the new section 51A changes outlined in clause 6 above.
- Clause 10** **Section 87E inserted**
Provides for the savings and transitional provisions specified in Schedule 8 of this Act.
- Clause 11** **Schedule 8 inserted.**
Provides for the saving and transitional provisions relating to various components of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* issued prior to the enactment of this Act.

PART 4 – Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008 Amended

- Clause 12** **Principal Act**
Nominates the Principal Act being the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008 Amended*.
- Clause 13** **Part 4, Division 5A inserted.**
The clause provides for the making of Regulations to prescribe the stages of the design and connection of services and the associated timeframes for delivery of services.
- Clause 14** **Repeal of Act**
Provides for the repeal of this Act.