

FACT SHEET

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (REGULATORY REFORM AMENDMENTS) BILL 2020

The Building and Construction (Regulatory Reform Amendments) Bill 2020 will give effect to a range of regulatory reforms to the *Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995*, *Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993* and *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008*.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY ACT 1995 AMENDED

TasNetworks Design and Connection Processes (Clause 4).

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.

LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AMENDED

Valid Permit for Planning Application or Amendments (Clauses 6 and 9)

In order to ensure planning permits have a clear date of activation, 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.

Requests for Additional Information by Planning Authorities (Clause 7)

The Act has been amended to reduce the timeframe planning authorities must respond to the applicant in relation to the receipt of further information requests by the planning authority.

A planning authority must notify the applicant whether a request for additional information has been satisfied has been amended from 14 days to 5 working days.

New Timeframe for Consideration of Minor Amendments to Planning Permits. (Clause 8)

A new provision has been inserted into the Act requiring that a planning authority must, within 28 days of receiving a minor amendment to a planning permit, amend or refuse to amend the permit.

WATER AND SEWERAGE INDUSTRY ACT 2008 AMENDED

TasWater Design and Connection Processes (Clause 13).

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.