



Privacy Amendment (Energy and Water Utilities) Regulations 2017

I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 23 February 2017

Peter Cosgrove
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Attorney-General

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Privacy Amendment (Energy and Water Utilities) Regulations 2017*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	1 March 2017

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Privacy Act 1988*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments and repeals

Part 1—Amendments

Privacy Regulation 2013

1 At the end of Part 1

Add:

14A Permitted disclosure of credit information by energy and water utilities

Credit providers

- (1) For the purposes of subparagraph 21D(2)(a)(i) of the Act, the following credit providers are prescribed:
 - (a) an entity that engages in the retail sale of electricity or gas services in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory;
 - (b) an entity that engages in the retail sale of water, sewerage or drainage services in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory.

Repeal of section

- (2) This section is repealed at the end of 1 January 2018.

Part 2—Repeals

Privacy Amendment (Australian Government Solicitor and Energy and Water Utilities) Regulation 2016

2 The whole of the regulation

Repeal the regulation.