

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 |
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| 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.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 (2) This section is repealed at the end of 1 January 2018.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.