



Queensland

Sustainable Planning Amendment Regulation (No. 6) 2012

Explanatory Notes for SL 2012 No. 133

made under the
Sustainable Planning Act 2009

General outline

Short title

Sustainable Planning Amendment Regulation (No. 6) 2012.

Authorising law

Sustainable Planning Act 2009, section 22(1)(a)

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The policy objective of this regulation is to prescribe a designated region for the purpose of section 22 of the SPA, to enable a regional plan to be made for the Cape York region to balance appropriate economic development of mining, resource development and other industries such as agriculture and tourism with the protection of the Cape's natural areas and areas of high conservation value.

Achievement of policy objectives

The designation of a region is the first step in the overall process of developing a regional plan for the region. Once the region is prescribed as a

designated region in schedule 1 of the SPR, the regional planning Minister must make a regional plan for that region.

A regional plan for a designated region as a statutory instrument made under subdivision 2 and part 6 by the regional planning Minister for the region, and that advances the purpose of the Act by providing an integrated planning policy for the region.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The regulation is consistent with the main objects of the SPA, that is to seek to achieve ecological sustainability by—

- (a) managing the process by which development takes place, including ensuring the process is accountable, effective and efficient and delivers sustainable outcomes; and
- (b) managing the effects of development on the environment, including managing the use of premises; and
- (c) continuing the coordination and integration of planning at the local, regional and State levels.

There are a wide variety of state interest issues to be addressed in the region. The designation allows for the planning process for the purposes of a regional plan in this region to commence.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The designation of a region to enable the regional planning process to begin does not create any impacts on the community, business or government or part of the community, business or community.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The designation of a region does not create any impacts on business, government, or the community. It therefore does not introduce a cost burden.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

There are no alternative policy options that can be considered. The designation of the region enables the achievement of the objectives of the authorising law (SPA). It is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The preparation of a statutory regional plan was announced by the Government in the Legislative Assembly on 31 July 2012. There has been no further engagement to date.

The preparation of the statutory regional plan will entail considerable consultation with affected stakeholders. Consultation as part of the regional planning process will be undertaken in accordance with the SPA.

In addition, a targeted engagement strategy will be developed to guide further engagement beyond the requirements of the SPA.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

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