



Queensland

Economic Development Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2013

Explanatory Notes for SL 2013 No. 93

made under the

Economic Development Act 2012

General outline

Short title

Economic Development Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2013.

Authorising law

Sections 37, 38 and 176 of the *Economic Development Act 2012*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The purpose of this regulation is to declare certain land at Blackwater East, Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek Priority Development Areas and to introduce Interim Land Use Plans for those areas.

Once declared, the Priority Development Areas will be administered by the Minister for Economic Development Queensland or any entity he delegates his power to under the *Economic Development Act 2012*. The local government planning schemes will no longer apply. The purpose of the *Economic Development Act 2012* is to establish the Minister for Economic Development Queensland to plan, carry out, promote or coordinate activities to facilitate economic development, and development for

community purposes in the State and provide for a streamlined planning and development framework for particular parts of the State (declared as priority development areas under the Act) to facilitate economic development, and development for community purposes.

The Interim Land Use Plans introduced by regulation at the time of declaration of the Priority Development Areas will expire 12 months after commencement. The Interim Land Use Plans are temporary documents, intended to protect the future intent of the Priority Development Areas from inappropriate development and enable appropriate development to occur in advance of the Development Schemes being adopted. Specified development applications under the Interim Land Use Plans are subject to public notification. While the Interim Land Use Plans are in place, the Minister for Economic Development Queensland will prepare a development scheme for each Priority Development Area that, once approved by regulation, will replace the Interim Land Use Plans.

Achievement of policy objectives

To achieve the objectives of the *Economic Development Act 2012*, the *Economic Development Regulation 2013* will be amended to include the declaration of the Blackwater East, Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek Priority Development Areas and their Interim Land Use Plans.

The declaration of the Blackwater East, Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek Priority Development Areas will facilitate economic development and development for community purposes by resolving complex land use planning and development issues.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The declaration regulation is consistent with the main objectives of the *Economic Development Act 2012*, which is to facilitate economic development, and development for community purposes in the State.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Economic Development Act 2012* that is a unique piece of legislation and specific to the State of Queensland.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The declaration of the Blackwater East, Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek Priority Development Areas will:

- facilitate economic development and development for community purposes by resolving complex land use planning and development issues;
- enable housing development to be proposed for Blackwater East and marine based mixed use development to be proposed for Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek;
- lead to economic and community benefits through employment and provision of community facilities and housing; and
- provide a more certain regulatory environment for these sites than exists under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2007*.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The regulation gives effect to the declaration of the Blackwater East, Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek Priority Development Areas and the introduction of their Interim Land Use Plans. The declaration and the Interim Land Use Plans are made in accordance with the provisions of, and are consistent with, the purpose of the *Economic Development Act 2012*.

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the Local Governments, State agencies and stakeholders to inform the proposed boundaries and preparation of the Interim Land Use Plans.

Community Engagement Strategies are being prepared on behalf of the Minister for Economic Development Queensland to assist in the preparation of the development schemes for these areas. The Strategies will include the consultation requirements of the *Economic Development Act 2012* and other complementary activities. The strategies will ensure issues and concerns in the Priority Development Areas are identified and managed. The strategies will commence upon declaration of the Priority Development Areas and will run for 12 months.

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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