

Major Events (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015

Explanatory notes for SL 2015 No. 120

made under the

Major Events Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 12 of the *Major Events Act 2014*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Under section 12 of the *Major Events Act 2014* (the Act), a regulation may prescribe a major event and which particular provisions of the Act apply to the major event. The Act also requires that the Minister be reasonably satisfied the event is a large state, national or international event and it is in the public interest to prescribe the event.

The Castrol Gold Coast 600 was an annual event held each year since 1991, and originally brought the American Indy Car Series to Australia. Since 2009, the motor race has been a V8 Supercars only event known as the Gold Coast 600. The Gold Coast 600 is contracted to run each year until 2016.

The event is televised nationally and internationally, bringing valuable publicity for the Gold Coast and Queensland. It receives live coverage on Network Ten and Fox Sports and international coverage in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, India and South Africa.

Accordingly, the Castrol Gold Coast 600, which is scheduled to be held from 23 – 25 October 2015, is considered to fulfil the criteria for prescription as a major event under the Act.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015* (the Regulation) is to facilitate the Gold Coast 600 being held.

In the interests of regulatory efficiency, the Regulation also amends the short title of the *Major Events (Townsville 400) Regulation 2015*, which currently prescribes the Townsville 400 as a major event and specifies the particular legislative provisions from the Act necessary to facilitate the running of the event, to the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) Regulation 2015*. In addition, the Regulation provides that the same legislative provisions specified under the *Major Events (Townsville 400) Regulation 2015* apply to both the Townsville and Gold Coast motor racing events.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the Gold Coast 600 as a major event under the Act. The Regulation also prescribes the major event organiser, major event area, the official title, the major event period and periods for carrying out temporary works for the event.

In addition, the Regulation amends the short title of the *Major Events (Townsville 400) Regulation 2015* to the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) Regulation 2015* and provides for the particular legislative provisions triggered under the *Major Events (Townsville 400) Regulation 2015* to also apply to the Gold Coast event. Doing so improves regulatory efficiency by providing for a generic motor events regulation that is applicable to both events. Apart from the generic provisions, the regulation will still require amendment for each future event to prescribe the major event organiser, major event area, major event period and periods required for carrying out temporary works, and declaration of the official title of the event.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising law, as described above.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

There is no inconsistency with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The costs of implementing the Regulation are negligible.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Provisions in the Regulation have the following time limitations placed on them:

- the major event period is between midday on 22 October 2015 and midday on 26 October 2015; and

- the periods for temporary works for the event are between 14 September 2015 and midday on 22 October 2015, and between midday on 26 October 2015 and 13 November 2015.

These limitations will help ensure provisions in the Regulation do not have a significant impact outside of these times, and help ensure they have sufficient regard for the rights and liberties of individuals.

Consultation

The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, the Minister for Transport, and the Mayor of the City of Gold Coast have been consulted, as required under section 13 of the Act.

Consultation has also occurred with V8 Supercars Australia and Tourism and Events Queensland.

All parties consulted support the Regulation.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation within the Queensland Productivity Commission was consulted and has advised, as the major event area is substantially the same as the declared area for last year's event, the Regulation is excluded from the Regulatory Impact Statement system.