

Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Gold Coast 600) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No. 163

made under the

Major Events Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Sections 12 and 84(1) of the *Major Events Act 2014*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The 2016 Gold Coast 600 will be held from 21 – 23 October 2016. The event is televised nationally and internationally and provides a valuable opportunity to showcase the Gold Coast and Queensland to the world. It will receive combined live coverage on Network Ten and Fox Sports and will be broadcast in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom. The 2015 Gold Coast 600 spectator attendance was 197,873 and the event received a global audience of in excess of 1.9 million within Tourism and Events Queensland's (TEQ) source markets. Consequently, the Gold Coast 600 meets the criteria contained under the *Major Events Act 2014* (the Act) relating to size and scale to warrant being prescribed as a major event.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Gold Coast 600) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2016* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2016 Gold Coast 600 being held.

The Amendment Regulation also seeks to clarify drafting and ensure that police officers can move vehicles left unattended on public land during the temporary works period for the event.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2016 Gold Coast 600 as a major event under the Act. The Amendment Regulation also prescribes the major event period, periods for carrying out temporary works for the event, and the official title of the event. The major event organiser (V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd ACN 077 053 484) and prescribed major event areas (the areas surrounding McIntosh Island Park in Surfers Paradise, the areas in the Southport Broadwater Parklands, and 3332 Surfers Paradise Boulevard, Surfers Paradise) for the 2016 Gold Coast 600 are the same as for the 2015 event. As well, Part 4 of the Regulation details other provisions from the Act that apply to the event.

The Amendment Regulation also amends section 15(a) of the Regulation, omitting the reference to section 16 of the Act. This minor amendment clarifies drafting and avoids section 15(a) of the Regulation being interpreted to limit the time when a police officer can move a vehicle left unattended on public land to the major event period only.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment 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 Amendment Regulation are negligible.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

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

- the major event period is between midday on Thursday 20 October 2016 and midday on Monday 24 October 2016; and
- the periods for temporary works for the event are between Monday 12 September 2016 and midday on Thursday 20 October 2016, and between midday on Monday 24 October 2016 and Saturday 12 November 2016.

These limitations will help ensure provisions in the Amendment 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 and Minister for Corrective Services, the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, 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 Pty Ltd and TEQ.

All parties consulted support the Amendment Regulation.

The Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) was consulted and advised that as the area for the 2016 Gold Coast 600 event is the same as the previous year, and as the Regulation was compliant with the RIS system guidelines, no further assessment under the RIS system guidelines is required. QPC also advised that as the proposed amendment to section 15(a) of the Regulation is machinery in nature, further analysis under the RIS system guidelines is not required.