

Water Resource (Gold Coast) Plan (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No 209.

made under the

Water Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 52A of the *Water Act 2000*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The primary objective of this subordinate legislation is to postpone the expiry of the *Water Resource (Gold Coast) Plan 2006*.

The *Water Resource (Gold Coast) Plan 2006* continues to be appropriate for the plan area and the water resource plan outcomes are being achieved. Postponing the expiry of the water resource plan until 14 December 2026 will provide the additional time that is required to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of the water resource plan outcomes, strategies and objectives. There are no expected adverse impacts of the postponement of plan expiry on water users or the environment.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives are achieved through the notice, which is declared to be subordinate legislation under section 52B(9) of the *Water Act 2000*.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The notice is consistent with the objectives of the *Water Act 2000*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The notice is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no costs associated with implementation of this notice.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

A notice outlining the proposed new expiry date for the plan and the reasons for the proposed postponement was published on the Department of Natural Resources and Mines website and advertised in the Queensland Country Life, the Brisbane Courier Mail and the Gold Coast Bulletin. Public submissions received were considered in making a final decision to postpone the expiry of the *Water Resource (Gold Coast) Plan 2006*.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation has previously been consulted in relation to this type of notice and has confirmed that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required.