

# **Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2017**

Explanatory notes for SL 2017 No. 72

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* and section 22(1)(b) of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The 2017 Townsville 400 V8 motor racing event will be held from 7 – 9 July 2017.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2017* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2017 Townsville 400 being held.

The Amendment Regulation also seeks to clarify the requirement for a building certifier to obtain and consider a report from the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES) on the suitability of the proposed fire-related alternative solution for building works under section 78 of the *Major Events Act 2014* (the MEA).

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2017 Townsville 400 as a major event under the MEA. The Amendment Regulation also prescribes the major event period and 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) and prescribed major event area (the area

surrounding Townsville Civic Theatre) for the 2017 Townsville 400 are the same as for the 2016 event. As well, Part 4 of the Regulation details other provisions from the MEA that apply to the event.

The Amendment Regulation also makes a minor amendment to section 20 of the Regulation to ensure a building certifier consults with, and if necessary obtains and considers a suitability report from, QFES about a special fire service or a fire-related alternative solution for building work under section 78(1) of the MEA before giving a compliance certificate for the building work.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the MEA, which are to provide for the holding of major events and for the safety of visitors and spectators at major events.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

There is no inconsistency between the Amendment Regulation and the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The Amendment Regulation is necessary to enable the major event organiser (V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd) to stage the 2017 Townsville 400.

The Townsville 400 event delivers tourism and economic benefits for Townsville and Queensland. This includes generating local jobs and showcasing Townsville and Queensland to a significant television audience around Australia and overseas. It receives live coverage on Network Ten and Fox Sports and international coverage in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates. The total attendance for the 2016 Townsville 400 was 134,322 while the domestic audience viewership was 1,116,000.

Any costs associated with implementing the Amendment Regulation are negligible and need to be weighed against the benefits of the event.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Provisions in the Amendment Regulation for the 2017 Townsville 400 have the following time limitations placed on them:

- the major event period is between midday on Thursday 6 July 2017 and midday on Monday 10 July 2017; and
- the periods for temporary works for the event are between Monday 29 May 2017 and midday on Thursday 6 July 2017, and between midday on Monday 10 July 2017 and Saturday 29 July 2017.

These limitations will help ensure relevant 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 Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services, and the Mayor of the City of Townsville have been consulted, as required under section 13 of the MEA.

Consultation has also occurred with V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd, Tourism and Events Queensland, and QFES.

All parties consulted support the Amendment Regulation.

The Amendment Regulation is excluded from the Regulatory Impact Analysis system on the basis that it is a regulatory proposal that is machinery in nature.