

Water Plan (Gulf) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2018

Explanatory notes for SL 2018 No. 121

made under the

Water Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 54 of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act)

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The primary objective of this subordinate legislation is to postpone the expiry of the *Water Plan (Gulf) 2007*.

The *Water Plan (Gulf) 2007* continues to be appropriate for the plan area and the water plan outcomes are being achieved. Postponing the expiry of the water plan until 1 November 2027 is not expected to impact adversely 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 56 (2) of the Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The notice is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

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, Mines and Energy website and advertised in the North Queensland Register and the North West Star.

Public submissions received were considered in making a final decision to postpone the expiry of the *Water Plan (Gulf) 2007*.

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.