

# ***Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2019***

Explanatory notes for SL 2019 No. 73

made under the

*Major Events Act 2014*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2019*

### **Authorising law**

Sections 12, 13 and 84(1) of the *Major Events Act 2014*

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

The 2019 Townsville 400 V8 motor racing event will be held from 5 to 7 July 2019.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2019* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2019 Townsville 400 being held.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2019 Townsville 400 as a major event under the *Major Events Act 2014* (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 2019 Townsville 400 are the same as for the 2018 event. Part 4 of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) Regulation 2015* details other provisions from the MEA that apply to the event.

## **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 2019 Townsville 400.

The Townsville 400 event delivers tourism and economic benefits for Townsville and the State of 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 2018 Townsville 400 was 137 005, reaching a cumulative broadcast audience of 1 040 000.

The Amendment Regulation is machinery in nature with only minor administrative costs associated with implementation. Costs incurred for the publication of public notices on the periods of temporary works for the event will be met through existing internal department resources. The economic benefits of the event to the local and state economy strongly outweigh the implementation costs.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Amendment Regulation is machinery in nature and consistent with fundamental legislative principles under the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Provisions in the Amendment Regulation for the 2019 Townsville 400 specify timeframes and includes other limits which help to minimise undue impacts on individuals' rights and liberties. The Amendment Regulation includes the following time limitations placed on the event:

- the major event period is between midday on Thursday, 4 July 2019 and midday on Monday, 8 July 2019; and
- the periods for temporary works for the event are between Monday, 3 June 2019 and midday on Thursday, 4 July 2019, and between midday on Monday, 8 July 2019 and Saturday, 20 July 2019.

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 who may be inconvenienced by altered access to roads and paths and the carrying out of temporary works.

## **Consultation**

The Minister for Transport and Main Roads, the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services, and the Mayor of the Townsville City Council have been consulted, as required under section 13 of the MEA.

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

All parties consulted support the Amendment Regulation.

The Amendment Regulation is excluded from conducting further regulatory impact analysis on the basis that it is a regulatory proposal that is machinery in nature.