

Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2019

Explanatory notes for SL 2019 No 159

made under the

Water Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 54 of the *Water Act 2000*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

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

The *Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) 2007* continues to be appropriate for the plan area and the water plan outcomes in general, are being achieved. Postponing the expiry of the water plan until 1 September 2023 will ensure that sustainable water management arrangements remain in place for Burdekin water users, including the Burdekin Haughton Water Supply Scheme and Bowen Broken Water Supply Scheme. It will also allow the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy to undertake additional assessment of plan outcomes and where appropriate, address issues prior to the plan's expiry in 1 September 2023.

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 56(2) 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, Mines and Energy website and advertised in the *Burdekin Advocate*, *Northern Miner*, *Mackay Daily Mercury* and *Central Queensland News*. Public submissions received were considered in making a final decision to postpone the expiry of the *Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) 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.