

# **Major Sports Facilities (North Queensland Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2019**

Explanatory Notes for Subordinate Legislation 2019 No. 253

made under the

*Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Major Sports Facilities (North Queensland Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2019*

### **Authorising law**

Section 4 of the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*.

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

The primary objective of the *Major Sports Facilities (North Queensland Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2019* is to amend the *Major Sports Facilities Regulation 2014* to declare North Queensland Stadium, located at Saunders Street, Railway Estate, as a prescribed major sports facility.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The primary policy objective is achieved by declaring North Queensland Stadium as a major sports facility under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*.

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

The amendment regulation is consistent with the objectives of the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*.

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

The amendment regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

### **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The Queensland Government, in partnership with the Australian Government and Townsville City Council, with support from the National Rugby League and the North Queensland Cowboys has made a considerable investment in funding the

development of the North Queensland Stadium in Townsville, as part of the Townsville City Deal signed in December 2016.

The intent of this investment is to provide a centrally-located, 25,000 seat, best practice, multi-purpose regional stadium that will also provide regional employment and development opportunities for the Townsville City Waterfront Priority Development Area and the Townsville Central Business District.

There is a public expectation that the new stadium is managed and operated efficiently and effectively.

Declaration of the stadium as a major sports facility under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001* enables Stadiums Queensland to manage, operate, use, develop and promote North Queensland Stadium for staging of national or international sports, recreation or entertainment events, special events and other purposes, on behalf of the Queensland Government.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

This regulation has been drafted with regard to fundamental legislative principles prescribed by the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

## **Consultation**

External consultation included Stadiums Queensland and Townsville City Council all of whom support the amendment.

In accordance with the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation, the Office of Best Practice Regulation was not consulted in relation to the amendment regulation. The department applied a self-assessable exclusion from undertaking further regulatory impact analysis. The amendment has no material impact on business or the community and is simply declaratory in nature, and therefore assessed as Category G – Regulatory proposals that are of a machinery nature.