

# ***Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2020***

Explanatory notes for SL 2020 No. 148

made under the

*Major Events Act 2014*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2020*

### **Authorising law**

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

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

The 2020 Townsville 400 V8 motor racing event will be held over two consecutive weekends from 29 to 30 August, and 5 to 6 September 2020.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 400) Amendment Regulation 2020* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2020 Townsville 400 being held.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2020 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) are the same as for the 2019 event and the prescribed major event area (the area surrounding Townsville Civic Theatre) for the 2020 Townsville 400 is substantially the same as for previous events (2018, and 2019). There has been some minor expansion of the major event area to include a carpark. 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 2020 Townsville 400.

The Townsville 400 event delivers tourism and economic benefits for Townsville and the State of Queensland; particularly in light of the recent and ongoing economic impacts due to COVID-19. 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 2019 Townsville 400 was 120 635, generating direct and incremental spending of \$34.08 million in Queensland and reaching a cumulative broadcast audience of 1.02 million.

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 2020 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:

- major event periods for the event will be:
  - midday Friday 28 August to midday Monday 31 August 2020; and
  - midday Friday 4 September to midday Monday 7 September 2020.
- the periods for carrying out temporary works for the event will be:
  - from the beginning of Monday 3 August to midday Friday 28 August 2020;
  - midday Monday 31 August 2020 to midday Friday 4 September 2020; and

- midday Monday 7 September 2020 to Friday 18 September 2020.

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, 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.

As the major event area for the 2020 Townsville 400 is substantially the same as in 2019. A self-assessment by the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation determined that further regulatory impact analysis is not required as the proposal is excluded under agency-assessed exclusion category (g) of the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*.