

# Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020

Explanatory notes for SL 2020 No. 202

made under the

*Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020*

## General Outline

### Short title

Proclamation fixing 30 September 2020 to commence provisions of *Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020* that are not currently in force.

### Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020*.

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence the *Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020* (the Act).

The Act received Royal Assent on 20 August 2020.

The Act facilitates a large-scale wind farm development by providing a tenure pathway and establishing a legislative framework for the project to be co-located on actively managed exotic pine plantation licence areas in the Toolara, Tuan and Neerdie state forests in the Wide Bay Burnett region, through modifying the application of certain provisions of the *Forestry Act 1959* and *Land Act 1994*.

### Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by fixing the date of 30 September 2020 to be the date of commencement of the provisions of the Act that are not currently in force.

### Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Act.

### Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Proclamation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Commencement of the Act will give effect to the commercial arrangements between the State, Forest Wind Holdings Pty Limited and the plantation licensee HQPlantations Pty Ltd for the purposes of Section 6 of the Act.

There are no costs arising from the Proclamation.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Consultation was undertaken with relevant stakeholders during the development of the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020 (the Bill), as outlined in the explanatory notes accompanying the Bill. No further consultation was undertaken on the Proclamation as the commencement day is of a machinery nature.

A self-assessment by the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation determined that no further regulatory impact analysis is required as the proposal is excluded under category (g) of the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation* – a Proclamation is machinery in nature.