

Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 500) Amendment Regulation 2021

Explanatory notes for SL 2021 No. 47

made under the

Major Events Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

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

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The 2021 Townsville 500 V8 motor racing event will be held from 9 to 11 July 2021.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 500) Amendment Regulation 2021* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2021 Townsville 500 being held.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2021 Townsville 500 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 is the same as for the 2020 event and the prescribed major event area (the area surrounding Townsville Civic Theatre) for the 2021 Townsville 500 is the same in 2020 and substantially the same as for previous events (2018, and 2019). 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 2021 Townsville 500.

The Townsville 500 event delivers tourism and economic benefits for Townsville and the State of Queensland; particularly in light of the 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. 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. It is expected that the 2021 Townsville 500 will achieve similar outcomes.

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 significantly 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:

- the Townsville 500 to be held in 2021 as a major event;
- the major event period for the event:
 - midday on 8 July 2021 to midday on 12 July 2021;
- the periods for carrying out temporary works for the event:
 - from 14 June 2021 to midday on 8 July 2021;
 - from midday on 12 July 2021 to midnight on 23 July 2021;

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 Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency 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.

The major event area for the 2021 Townsville 500 is the same as in 2020, and substantially the same as the previous two years (2018 and 2019). A self assessment by the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport determined that further regulatory impact analysis is not required as the proposal is excluded under agency-assessed category g (regulatory proposals that are of a machinery nature) of the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*, as the Amendment Regulation: proposes no substantive policy change; consists of provisions that are merely declaratory; facilitates routine tasks of government; and updates thresholds and dates.