

Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 500) Amendment Regulation 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 61

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 2024 NTI Townsville 500 V8 motor racing event will be held from 5 to 7 July 2024.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 500) Amendment Regulation 2024* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2024 NTI Townsville 500 being held.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2024 NTI 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 2023 event, and the prescribed major event area for the 2024 NTI Townsville 500 (the area surrounding Townsville Civic Theatre) is the same as for previous events (2023 and 2022). 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 2024 NTI Townsville 500.

The Townsville 500 event delivers tourism and economic benefits for Townsville and the State of Queensland. This includes generating local jobs and showcasing Townsville and Queensland to a significant television audience around Australia and overseas. The 2024 NTI Townsville 500 is expected to deliver similar outcomes to the 2023 Townsville 500 racing event, which included more than 127 000 total attendances across the event and world feed broadcast to a peak TV audience of 1.446 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 significantly outweigh the implementation costs.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The proposal may be seen as limiting the rights and liberties of individuals who may wish to access public infrastructure and imposing limitations on entering the event area during the provided timeframe. However, the proposal is considered reasonable and justifiable as it is consistent with the objectives of the MEA; meets the public's expectation during the nominated duration based off historic hosting of the event; and ensures public safety during the duration of the event.

Furthermore, the provisions in the Amendment Regulation for the 2024 NTI Townsville 500 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 major event period for the event (4 July 2024 to midday on 8 July 2024); and
- the periods for carrying out temporary works for the event (from the beginning of the day on 10 June 2024 to midday on 4 July 2024; and from midday on 8 July 2024 to midnight on 20 July 2024).

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 and Minister for Digital Services; the Minister for Police and Community Safety; 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.

An agency-assessed Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) was undertaken under the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*. As the major event area for the 2024 NTI Townsville 500 is the same as 2023, the Amendment Regulation is excluded from conducting further RIA on the basis that it is a regulatory proposal that is machinery in nature.