

# Water Plan (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 207

made under the

*Water Act 2000*

## General Outline

### Short title

*Water Plan (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan 2024*

### Authorising law

Sections 47, 48, 50, and 51 of the *Water Act 2000*

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Section 50 of the *Water Act 2000* (Water Act) provides for the Minister to amend a water plan for any part of Queensland to advance the sustainable management of water.

The objective of the *Water Plan (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan 2024* (Amendment Plan) is to amend an environmental flow objective value stated in Schedule 6 of the *Water Plan (Mary Basin) 2024* (Mary Basin Water Plan), which was identified as a typographical error following finalisation of the plan. This amendment will ensure that all future hydrological assessments for decision making are appropriate.

### Achievement of policy objectives

The Amendment Plan will amend Schedule 6, section 3, table 3, entry for node 12, column 3, from the stated EFO of 36.9 per cent to 39.6 per cent.

### Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the main objectives of the Water Act, which is to provide a framework for the 'sustainable management of Queensland's water resources'.

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

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

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

The Water Act sets out the framework for amending a water plan. There are no alternative means for achieving the policy objectives.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Implementation of the Amendment Plan will provide the following benefits, which include:

- ensuring appropriate hydrologic assessment for infrastructure projects in the plan area, including unallocated water releases; and
- ensuring there is consistency between what was hydrologically modelled for the development of the Mary Basin Water Plan and the stated value.

There are no costs associated with the implementation of the Amendment Plan.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Amendment Plan, which is subordinate legislation, is consistent with fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* and is consistent with these principles.

## **Consultation**

This typographical error is deemed to be a minor error.

Amendments to correct a minor error or make another change that is not a change of substance, does not require public consultation under section 51(2)(b).

## **Notes on provisions**

**Clause 1** states that this plan may be cited as the *Water Plan (Mary Basin) Amendment Plan 2024*.

**Clause 2** states that this plan amends the *Water Plan (Mary Basin) 2024*.

**Clause 3** states that this plan amends Schedule 6, section 3, table 3 of the *Water Plan (Mary Basin) 2024*. By replacing the entry value for node 12, column 3 to state '39.6' instead of '36.9'.

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