

Water Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Dr Anthony Lynham, Minister for Natural Resource, Mines and Energy provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Water Regulation 2016 made under the *Water Act 2000*.

In my opinion, the Water Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The purpose of the Water Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020 is to support the application of the provisions of the *Water Act 2000* (Water Act). The amendments to the Water Regulation 2016 are primarily to include a range of streamlining, minor and miscellaneous amendments to improve the operations of the Act and the Regulation.

The Water Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020 includes the following amendments to the Water Regulation 2016:

1. List Merlwood Water Pty Ltd, Mondure Water Supply Inc and Carmichael Rail Network Pty Ltd as prescribed entities.
2. Achieve consistency with definition of seasonal water assignment in the Water Act.
3. Remove redundant drainage areas.
4. Amend errors in schedule 11 and 14.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the subordinate legislation (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

None of the proposed amendments raises any human right issue.

Conclusion

I consider that the Water Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020 is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it supports, and does not detract from, the human rights enshrined in section 28.

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