

Rural and Regional Adjustment 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, Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries, provide this Human Rights Certificate with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2020* (the Amendment Regulation) made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, 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 certificate.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Amendment Regulation is made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The authorising law for the regulation is:

Sections 3, 10, 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The main objective of the Amendment Regulation is to support small businesses seriously disrupted by a COVID-19 closure or restriction direction announced by the Queensland Government to sustain, adapt or develop the resilience of their operations.

The Amendment Regulation introduces the COVID-19 Small Business Adaption Grant Scheme – Round 2 (the Scheme), which will enable the provision of grants of a minimum of \$2,000 and a maximum of \$10,000 per eligible business to undertake eligible activities from 23 March 2020 onwards.

The total amount that may be given for all grants under the Scheme is up to \$100 million (excluding GST).

Human Rights Issues

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

The *Human Rights Act 2019* has been considered in regard to the Amendment Regulation and it has been determined that no human rights are limited by the Amendment Regulation. This is because the Scheme protects the human rights of the individuals and does not limit their rights.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation (No.1) 2020* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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