

Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 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 (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 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 *Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020* is made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The authorising law for the Amendment Regulation includes Sections 3, 10, 11, and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The main objective of the Amendment Regulation is to establish the Daintree Area Scheme (the Scheme) as an approved assistance scheme that may be administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority. The Scheme will provide financial relief to eligible off-grid households, small businesses and non-profit organisations in the Daintree area during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following amounts are to be provided under the Scheme:

- \$200 payment for eligible households; and
- \$500 payment for eligible small businesses and non-profit organisations.

The total amount that may be given for all assistance, including administration costs, under the Scheme is \$250 000 (excluding GST).

Human Rights Issues

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

The Amendment Regulation does not engage or limit a human right protected right under Part 2, Division 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*. This is because the Scheme protects and does not limit the human rights of the individuals who stand behind eligible entities (households, small businesses and non-profit organisations).

Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Daintree Area Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES

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