

Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Reporting Requirements) 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, Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020 (Amendment Regulation) made under the *Petroleum Act 1923* and *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.

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 statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017 (PG Regulation) is part of the legislative framework governing the exploration and production of petroleum and gas and plays an important role in supporting the policy objectives of the *Petroleum Act 1923* and *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*. The PG Regulation sets out the requirements for work programs and development plans, reporting, notices, sample collection and prescribed rents and fees.

As the matters prescribed in the Amendment Regulation are designed to support the operation of the Act, the PG Regulation is being amended to streamline the reporting provisions, make amendments to the confidentiality periods for documents lodged with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and move requirements into a practice direction under the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014*.

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 raise any human rights issues.

Consideration of reasonable limitations on human rights (section 13 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

As the Amendment Regulation does not raise any human rights issues, it does not limit any human rights and therefore it is not necessary to consider section 13 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Conclusion

I consider that the Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Reporting Requirements) Amendment Regulation 2020 is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise any human rights issues.

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