

Rural and Regional Adjustment (Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans 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 (Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020*, 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 (Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020* is made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The authorising law for the regulation is section 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The purpose of this regulatory amendment is to amend two financial assistance schemes administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) under the joint Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to align them with changes that have been made to Australian Government guidelines:

- amending Schedule 24 Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme, a DRFA scheme providing concessional loans to primary producers, small business and not for profit organisations in response to the 2019 bushfires to expand eligible activities to include refinancing an eligible commercial loan; and
- removing the primary producer off-farm income threshold of \$100,000 in Schedule 23 Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme, a scheme which provides clean up and recovery grants to eligible primary producers, small businesses and not for profit organisations in response to severe natural disasters.

Human Rights Issues

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

The potential impact of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme)* on the human rights in sections 15 to 37 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* was considered and no potential impact was identified.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2020*, is compatible with the Human Rights Act because it does not limit any of the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

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