

Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Extension of Fee Waiver) 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, Leeanne Enoch, Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Extension of Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2020* made under the *Forestry Act 1959*, the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

In my opinion, the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Extension of Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 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

Purpose

The purpose of the subordinate legislation is to make amendments to allow for the implementation of an element of the Queensland Government's expanded initiatives to assist the tourism industry in response to the continuing impacts of COVID-19. Amendments are being made to enable the Department of Environment and Science to extend an existing waiver of the requirement to pay daily fees for tourism operators visiting protected areas, recreation areas and State forests from 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Subordinate legislation amended

- *Forestry Regulation 2015*
- *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017*
- *Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2017*

Authorising law

- Section 97 of the *Forestry Act 1959*
- Section 175 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*
- Section 232 of the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*

Human Rights Issues

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

No human rights have been identified as being engaged by the subordinate legislation.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Extension of Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2020* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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