

Environmental Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021

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, Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Environmental Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021* made under the *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*, the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, the *Forestry Act 1959*, the *Marine Parks Act 2004*, the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*, and the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.

In my opinion, the *Environmental Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021*, 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 objective of the *Environmental Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021* (Amendment Regulation) is to index regulatory fees for the Department of Environment and Science (DES) in 2021-22. These regulatory fees have been subject to the annual review required under Government policy and then indexed by the approved Government Indexation Rate, which Queensland Treasury has advised to be 1.7% for 2021-22.

The indexed fees have been rounded in accordance with DES's current rounding policy.

Human Rights Issues

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

The Amendment Regulation to index regulatory fees for DES for 2021-22 does not affect or engage a human right under Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Environmental Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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