

# Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) 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, Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, make this statement of compatibility with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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 *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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 legislation is to amend an approved assistance scheme under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011*. The purpose of the amendment regulation is to increase the maximum size of an exceptional circumstances recovery grant that may be offered in a disaster under the Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme (Schedule 23) from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

The recovery grants under the Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme are an assistance measure under the joint Commonwealth State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

## 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 (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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 (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021*, 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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