

Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) 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, Glenn Butcher, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water, provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Regulation 2021* made under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (the Water Supply Act).

In my opinion, the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Regulation 2021* (the 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 regulation replaces the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Regulation 2011*, which covers the regulatory arrangements enabling a prescribed related entity of the owner of drinking water supply infrastructure to be able to supply drinking water under the Water Supply Act.

The regulation also gives effect to implement recommendations of the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry 2012 relating to dam safety and flood mitigation matters., specifically, requiring the prescribed dam owners for Wivenhoe, Somerset and North Pine dams to prepare and submit flood mitigation manuals and flood event reports under section 371A of the Water Supply Act.

Human Rights Issues

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

The regulation does not limit any human rights.

The Water Supply regulation imposes requirements on a prescribed entity, a corporation not an individual person, for the protection of public health and safety through requiring the owners of a prescribed referable dam to submit flood mitigation manuals and flood event reports, as required under section 371A of the Water Supply Act. It also ensures the prescribed related entity of the owner of relevant infrastructure is subject to the appropriate regulatory frameworks to be able to provide recycled water or drinking water supply respectively.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Regulation 2021* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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