

# Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Business Support Grants Scheme (August 2021)) 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, provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Business Support Grants Scheme (August 2021)) Amendment Regulation 2021* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Business Support Grants Scheme (August 2021)) Amendment Regulation 2021* (the Amendment 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 Amendment Regulation is made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The authorising law for the regulation is sections 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The main objective of the Amendment Regulation is to provide assistance to employing Queensland small and medium businesses and non-profit organisations, and large Queensland businesses operating in the tourism and hospitality sector, that are affected by a direction given by the Queensland Chief Health Officer that “locked down” areas of Queensland in August 2021 to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The Amendment Regulation establishes the COVID-19 Business Support Grants Scheme (August 2021) which will enable the provision of grants of \$5,000 to provide relief and support to eligible business impacted by that COVID-19 “lock down”.

## Human Rights Issues

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

The Amendment Regulation has been considered with regards to the *Human Rights Act 2019* and it has been determined that no human rights are engaged by the Amendment Regulation.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Business Support Grants Scheme (August 2021)) Amendment Regulation 2021* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES  
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