

Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Marine Tourism Assistance Scheme—Round 2) 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 Marine Tourism Assistance Scheme—Round 2) Amendment Regulation 2021* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (COVID-19 Marine Tourism Assistance Scheme—Round 2) 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 Amendment Regulation is sections 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The objective of the Amendment Regulation is to enable the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) to administer the second round of assistance to help marine tourism businesses that have suffered losses of income because of the COVID travel restrictions. The assistance may be a rebate to offset the cost of renting berths at privately-owned or privately-operated marinas in eligible local government areas or a payment direct to a privately-owned or privately-operated marina which has issued an invoice to an eligible business, which has not been paid, for marina berthing fees for eligible vessels that operate in eligible local government areas.

The Amendment Regulation achieves its objective by amending the existing COVID-19 Marine Tourism Rebate Scheme to enable the payment of up to a maximum of \$20,000 per eligible business to offset or reduce the cost of renting a berth for an eligible boat to use in 2021-2022.

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 Marine Tourism Assistance Scheme—Round 2) Amendment Regulation 2021* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

MARK FURNER MP
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