

# Environmental Legislation (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022

## 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 (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* 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 (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022*, 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 (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* (Amendment Regulation) is to convert regulatory fee dollars to fee units for the Department of Environment and Science (DES) in 2021-22. These regulatory fees have been converted subject to the Queensland Treasury's *Principles for Fees and Charges* (the policy), applying the conversion fee unit rate of 1 fee unit = \$1.00 as outlined in the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* (AIA).

## Human Rights Issues

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

The Amendment Regulation to convert regulatory fee dollars to fee units 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 (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

**MEAGHAN SCANLON MP**  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF  
MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

© The State of Queensland 2022