

# Weapons (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, Mark Ryan, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Weapons (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* made under the *Weapons Act 1990*.

In my opinion, the *Weapons (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 *Weapons Act 1990* stipulates when fees and charges are required to be paid as part of the licensing and registration scheme for firearms and weapons licence holders. The value of these fees and charges are outlined in the *Weapons Regulation 2016*.

In accordance with the Government's indexation policy, regulatory fees and charges are reviewed annually to maintain their value over time relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs.

On 1 January 2022 amendments were made to the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* to establish a fee unit model. In line with this model any regulated in-scope fees and charges are required to be expressed in legislation in terms of fee units rather than dollar values.

The value of a fee unit will be updated by Treasury annually in line with the Government Indexation Rate. The initial fee unit value has been set at \$1.00.

The regulatory fee unit model provides for the indexation of the fee unit rather than the amendment of hundreds of pages of regulation each year. This will streamline the annual process of indexing regulatory fees and charges and create efficiencies across government, including the Queensland Police Service.

The *Weapons (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* amends the *Weapons Regulation 2016* by applying the fee unit model changing any regulated in-scope fees and charges from dollar amounts to fee units. There are no changes to current fees and charges as a result of the amendments.

## Human Rights Issues

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

No human rights have been identified as being limited by the *Weapons (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022*.

### Consideration of reasonable limitations on human rights (section 13 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

As no human rights have been identified as being limited by the *Weapons (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022*, no further consideration is required.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Weapons (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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