

Rural and Regional Adjustment (Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme) 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 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 (Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2022* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2022* (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 3, 10, 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The purpose of the Amendment Regulation is to prescribe the *Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme* (Scheme) as an approved assistance scheme under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011* (Regulation) so it can be administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA).

The Queensland Government has allocated \$10 million to support the development of additional public fast charging infrastructure across Queensland for electric vehicles. Supporting local government and industry investment in fast charging infrastructure will encourage increased uptake and the transition to zero emission vehicles in Queensland by overcoming barriers, such as: reducing consumers 'range' anxiety; improving regional connectivity to the zero emission vehicles charging network; and increasing zero emission vehicle visits to Queensland regional tourist areas which, in turn, will provide economic outcomes to Queensland regions.

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 (Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2022* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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