

Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 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, Glenn Butcher, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2022* made under the *Water Act 2000*.

In my opinion, the *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 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 *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) (Postponement of Expiry Notice) 2022* (the Notice) is subordinate legislation published under section 56(1) of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act) and postpones the expiry of the *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) 2002* (the Water Plan) until 30 September 2025. This will ensure that sustainable water management arrangements under the current Water Plan, which is due to expire on 19 December 2022, continues to remain in place, thus protecting the existing water entitlements and the needs of the environment.

The Notice has been prepared under section 55 of the *Water Act 2000* and is not subject to the public consultation process. However, public consultation will be undertaken as part of the preparation of a replacement water plan under the Act.

Human Rights Issues

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

The *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2022* does not raise any human rights issues as it continues the effect of the existing water management framework under the Water Plan, including maintenance of existing water access rights. The postponement of the expiry date of the *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) 2002* by the Notice until 30 September 2025 will enable the development of a new replacement water plan subject to the public consultation and technical assessments as required under the Act. The plan development process will address the requirements under the *Human Rights Act 2019* along with other relevant issues.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2022* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND
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