

# Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) 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, Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2022 made under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*.

In my opinion, the Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) 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 purpose of the Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2022 is to revoke the declaration of Townsville Stadium as a major sports facility under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*.

The *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001* establishes Stadiums Queensland as the statutory authority responsible for operating facilities declared by regulation as major sports facilities under section 4 of the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*. A major sports facility is a facility that has the capacity to stage national or international sports, recreational or entertainment events, and/or special events.

Townsville Stadium (also known as Willows Sports Field and previously known as 1300SMILES Stadium) is declared and listed as a major sports facility in Schedule 1, and column 2 of Schedule 3, under the Major Sports Facilities Regulation 2014.

In 2019, the new North Queensland Stadium (also known as Queensland Country Bank Stadium) was declared as a major sports facility under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001*. Since opening in February 2020, North Queensland Stadium has been the preferred venue for hosting national and international sporting events, music concerts and special events in Townsville. As a result, Townsville Stadium has become surplus to the requirements of Stadiums Queensland and the Queensland Government as a declared major sports facility.

## Human Rights Issues

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

The Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2022 revokes Townsville Stadium as a declared major sports facility under the *Major Sports Facilities Act 2001* as the stadium is no longer required to operate as a major sports facility.

No human rights have been identified as being engaged by the Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2022 given it only affects the internal management of the public sector and Stadiums Queensland as a statutory body.

## Conclusion

I consider that the Major Sports Facilities (Townsville Stadium) Amendment Regulation 2022 is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise any human rights issues.

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