

Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023

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, 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 (Variation of Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* (the Amendment Regulation) made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion the 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 main objectives of the Amendment Regulation are to amend the Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEVs) Rebate Scheme to provide greater opportunity for more Queenslanders to purchase ZEVs by:

- widening the pool of eligible ZEV models by increasing the dutiable value threshold;
- addressing barriers due to changed market conditions by increasing the rebate for low to moderate income earners from \$3 000 to \$6 000; and,
- ensuring that new rebate amounts for low to moderate income applicants are matched for previously successful low to moderate income applicants.

The ZEV Rebate Scheme reaffirms the commitment to Queensland's Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy 2022-2032 and Action Plan 2022-2024, which identifies a number of targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, including that 50 per cent of new passenger vehicle sales be zero emission by 2030, moving to 100 per cent by 2036.

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 23 human rights of the *Human Rights Act 2019* and is not considered to engage any human rights.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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