

# Rural and Regional Adjustment (Business Energy Saving and Transformation 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 (Business Energy Saving and Transformation Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Business Energy Saving and Transformation Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023*, 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 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 *Business Energy Saving and Transformation Rebate 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 \$16 million to provide rebates to eligible small and medium businesses for the purchase and installation costs of energy efficient appliances and equipment. This will assist in businesses to reduce their energy consumption and save money on their electricity bills.

The Amendment Regulation establishes the Scheme, which will allow the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority to provide rebates for up to 50% of the purchase and installation costs of eligible equipment to eligible businesses. The minimum costs of the purchase and installation must be \$8,000 and the maximum rebate is \$12,500.

## 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 (Business Energy Saving and Transformation Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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