

# Waste Reduction and Recycling (Expansion of Container Refund 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, Leanne Linard MP, Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for Multicultural Affairs provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Expansion of Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* made under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.

In my opinion, the *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Expansion of Container Refund Scheme Expansion) 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 purpose of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* and subordinate legislation is to reduce the environmental and economic impacts of waste generation by considering the circular economy and product stewardship principles and providing for actions to reduce, reuse and recycle end-of-life products and materials. Disposal is the least preferred management option.

The *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Expansion of Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* helps achieve the objects of the Act by amending the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011* to include glass wine and spirit containers as eligible containers under the scheme.

The expansion of the container refund scheme to include glass wine and pure spirit bottles as eligible for a 10-cent refund further progresses product stewardship initiatives by providing that beverage manufacturers take responsibility for contributing to the costs of collection and improved recycling of beverage containers.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Expansion of Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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