

# Rural and Regional Adjustment (Climate Smart Energy Saver 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 (Climate Smart Energy Saver Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Climate Smart Energy Saver 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 *Climate Smart Energy Saver 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 \$22 million to deliver the Climate Smart Energy Saver Scheme (the Scheme) to help Queensland households manage their electricity use and bills. The Scheme will provide a rebate of a prescribed amount for the purchase and installation of energy efficient appliances and hot water system which will support Queensland households to manage their electricity use and bills. A low-income rebate will be offered to applicants that have a taxable income of \$66 667 or less.

The Amendment Regulation establishes the Scheme, which will allow the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority to administer the Scheme.

## 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 (Climate Smart Energy Saver Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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