

# Mineral Resources 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, Scott Stewart MP, Minister for Resources provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Mineral Resources Amendment Regulation 2023* (the Amendment Regulation) made under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*.

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, which amends the *Mineral Resources Regulation 2013*, implements an action of the Queensland Critical Mineral Strategy to reduce the rent for new and existing exploration permits for minerals to \$0 for five years. The action also builds on Action 42 of the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan to review rent settings to ensure tenures are actively explored and developed.

The amendment seeks to stimulate further exploration activity to increase the chance of resource discovery and accelerate Queensland's critical minerals industry.

### Human Rights Issues

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

The Amendment Regulation does not affect or engage a human right.

### Conclusion

I consider that the *Mineral Resources Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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