

# Waste Reduction and Recycling 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, 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 Regulation 2023* made under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*, the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999* and the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.

In my opinion, the *Waste Reduction and Recycling 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 objective of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023* is to provide a regulatory mechanism for the implementation of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (the Act) and will replace the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011*.

The Act was enacted to provide a more contemporary regulatory framework for waste management and resource recovery for Queensland, with its main objectives to:

- promote waste avoidance and reduction
- reduce the overall impact of waste generation
- promote resource recovery and efficiency actions
- promote the sustainable use of natural resources
- encourage the use of recovered resources
- ensure a shared responsibility between government, business and industry and the community
- support and implement national frameworks
- promote and facilitate Queensland's transition to a circular economy.

The purpose of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023* (the Regulation) is to support the management of waste through setting regulatory requirements by providing enabling heads of power for waste reduction and recycling activities.

Key features of the Regulation include:

- providing a framework for the effective operation for the waste disposal levy
- giving effect to the container refund scheme
- describing waste reporting requirements and identifying reporting entities
- setting standards, controls or procedures for the manufacture, generation, sale, use, transport, receipt, storage, treatment, or disposal of waste, including for:
  - dealing with polychlorinated biphenyls

- managing clinical and related waste
- used packaging materials
- storage, disposal, receipt or treatment of waste or equipment for dealing with waste.

## Human Rights Issues

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

No human rights have been identified as being engaged or limited by the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023*.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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