

National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) 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, Mick de Brenni, Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2023* made under the *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Act 2014*.

In my opinion, the *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) 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 *National Energy Retail Law* regulates the sale and supply of energy (electricity and gas) to consumers and provides a range of customer protections for residential and small business customers in their dealings with energy retailers and distributors. It also complements the general customer protection laws, such as the Australian Consumer Law and privacy legislation.

The main purpose of the *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Act 2014* is to enable the application of the *National Energy Retail Law* as a law of Queensland as well as the Queensland derogations from the national framework.

The *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Regulation 2014* supports the application and implementation of the *National Energy Retail Law* as applied in Queensland.

The *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2023* will ensure that messaging appearing on the front page of Queensland's small customer electricity bills during 2023-24 is consistent with and reflects initiatives undertaken by the Queensland Government to reduce cost of living pressures for all Queenslanders.

Human Rights Issues

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

The amending regulation does not affect or limit any of the human right prescribed under the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Conclusion

I consider that the *National Energy Retail Law (Queensland) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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