

# Rural and Regional Adjustment (Remote Communities Freight Assistance 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 MP, 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 (Remote Communities Freight Assistance Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* (the Amendment Regulation) made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Remote Communities Freight Assistance 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 Amendment Regulation is made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The authorising law for the Amendment Regulation is sections 3, 10, 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The main objective of the Amendment Regulation is to provide financial assistance to local communities in the Northern Peninsula, Torres Strait and Gulf Regions (NPTSG regions) to provide immediate cost-of-living relief for freight-based costs on essential goods.

The Amendment Regulation establishes the Remote Communities Freight Assistance Scheme, which will allow the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) to provide assistance to local retailers in the NPTSG regions, allowing them to pass on cost-of-living relief to locals within the affected areas.

## 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 limited.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Remote Communities Freight Assistance Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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