

Nature Conservation (Fee Waivers) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024

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 and Minister for Science and Innovation provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Nature Conservation (Fee Waivers) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024* made under the *Forestry Act 1959*, the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

In my opinion, the *Nature Conservation (Fee Waivers) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024*, 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 proposed subordinate legislation will waive certain commercial activity permit fees, from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024, for tourism businesses conducting their activities in a forestry area, protected area or a recreation area where disaster recovery funding arrangements have been activated for Tropical Cyclone Jasper. The fee waiver is part of a broader government response to assist with supporting tourism businesses as tourist numbers rebuild through the recovery phase. The fee waiver will allow businesses to retain the daily fees that would otherwise be payable to the State for any tours conducted in these areas between 1 January and 31 March 2024.

Subordinate legislation amended

- *Forestry Regulation 2015*
- *Nature Conservation (Protected Areas Management) Regulation 2017*
- *Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2017*

Authorising law

- Section 97 of the *Forestry Act 1959*
- Section 175 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*
- Section 232 of the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*

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 by the subordinate legislation.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Nature Conservation (Fee Waivers) and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not engage human rights.

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