

# ***Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) 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, Scott Stewart MP, Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals, provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) Amendment Regulation 2024* made under the *Petroleum Act 1923* and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.

In my opinion, the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) 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 purpose of the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) Amendment Regulation 2024* is to amend the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017* to insert a formula to calculate the annual fee payable by the operator of a scheme gas transmission pipeline and enable continued recovery of a proportion of Queensland's annual contribution to the Australian Energy Market Commission's national energy market regulation functions as provided for in section 423(3) of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*. This will be achieved by amending section 66A to include a formula. The formula is reflective of the existing methodology for calculating the annual fee and reduces the administrative burden on government by removing the need for the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017* to be updated annually to reflect the fee.

## **Human Rights Issues**

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

The amendments in the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) Amendment Regulation 2024* do not engage or limit human rights.

## **Conclusion**

I consider that the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) (Annual Fee) Amendment Regulation 2024* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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