

Proclamation - Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Act 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, Minister for Resources and Critical Minerals, provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Proclamation made under the *Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (MEROLA Act).

In my opinion, the Proclamation 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 Proclamation commences section 169A of the MEROLA Act, which inserts new section 851C into the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*. Section 851C will enable the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment to provide advice, where requested by government entities, about matters related to subsurface impacts from authorised petroleum and gas activities.

The Proclamation fixes 2 August 2024 as the date of commencement of section 169A.

Human Rights Issues

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

The Proclamation does not limit human rights, protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, as the proclamation merely commences section 169A of the MEROLA Act.

Conclusion

I consider that the Proclamation is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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