

Rural and Regional Adjustment 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, 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 Amendment Regulation 2024* (Amendment Regulation) made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, 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 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The main objectives of the Amendment Regulation are to amend the existing Remote Communities Freight Assistance Scheme (the Scheme) by:

- extending establishment assistance to also include reimbursement for the costs of buying, installing or upgrading computer hardware necessary to comply with the digital discount reporting requirements under the Scheme;
- increasing the maximum amount of establishment assistance available per approved premise from \$14,000 to \$20,000;
- increasing how often retailers can apply for discount and compliance assistance; and,
- clarifying that gambling (such as lottery tickets) is not an essential good.

The amendments will support retailers that were unable to comply with the digital discount reporting requirements under the Scheme, due to existing hardware constraints.

The amendments will also provide better flexibility in meeting the operational needs of remote retailers who may benefit from claiming their discount and compliance assistance more frequently than on a monthly basis.

Another objective of the Amendment Regulation is to amend the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Scheme, established under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011* to remove the 22-kW AC requirement under Schedule 43, section 4(b), as it no longer reflects contemporary electric vehicle charging infrastructure market conditions nor advancements in technology to provide redundancy measures at co-funded sites.

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 regard 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 Amendment Regulation 2024* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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