

Queensland



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**A BILL**

**FOR**

***An Act to amend the State Counter-Disaster Organisation Act 1975***

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**The Parliament of Queensland enacts—**

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**Short title**

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Clause     **1.** This Act may be cited as the *State Counter-Disaster Organisation Amendment Act 1999*.

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**Act amended**

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Clause     **2.** This Act amends the *State Counter-Disaster Organisation Act 1975*.

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**Amendment of s 6 (Definitions)**

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Clause     **3.** Section 6, definition “disaster”—  
               omit, insert—  
               ‘ “**disaster**” see section 6A.’.

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**Insertion of new s 6A**

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Clause     **4.** After section 6—  
               insert—

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**‘Meaning of “disaster”**

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              ‘**6A.(1)** A “**disaster**” is an event that causes or threatens to cause any of the following—

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              (a) widespread or severe property loss or damage;

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              (b) widespread or severe human injury or illness;

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              (c) loss of human life.

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              ‘**(2)** The event may be natural or caused by human acts or omissions.

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              ‘**(3)** Without limiting subsection (1), the event may be any of the following—

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              (a) a flood, earthquake, seismic sea wave, cyclone, storm, tornado,

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- eruption or other natural happening; 1
- (b) an explosion, fire, gas leak, fuel or oil spill or any accident; 2
- (c) an infestation, plague or epidemic; 3
- (d) a failure of, or disruption to, an essential service or infrastructure; 4
- (e) an attack against the State.’. 5

**Amendment of s 38 (Regulation making power)** 6

Clause 5. Section 38, heading— 7

omit, insert— 8

**‘Regulation-making power’.** 9

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