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Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994

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1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation 2025*.

2 Regulation amended

This regulation amends the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011*.

3 Amendment of sch 2, s 1 (Definitions for sch 2)

- (1) Schedule 2, section 1, heading, ‘sch 2’—

omit, insert—

schedule

- (2) Schedule 2, section 1, definition *primary production enterprise*, after ‘means’—

insert—

a business

- (3) Schedule 2, section 1, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a), ‘a business’—

omit.

- (4) Schedule 2, section 1, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)(ii), examples—

omit, insert—

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

4 Amendment of sch 3, s 3 (Meaning of *small business*)

Schedule 3, section 3(4), definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (b), examples—

omit, insert—

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Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

5 Amendment of sch 4, s 3 (Definitions for schedule)

Schedule 4, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)—

omit, insert—

(a) that—

(i) involves primary production, including the agricultural, apicultural, aquacultural, forestry, grazing and horticultural industries; or

(ii) supports primary production; and

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

6 Amendment of sch 5, s 3 (Definitions for schedule)

Schedule 5, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)—

omit, insert—

(a) that—

(i) involves primary production, including the agricultural, apicultural, aquacultural, forestry, grazing and horticultural industries; or

(ii) supports primary production; and

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business,
shearing business, silage baling business, timber
plantation maintenance business

7 Amendment of sch 7, s 3 (Definitions for sch 7)

- (1) Schedule 7, section 3, heading, ‘sch 7’—

omit, insert—

schedule

- (2) Schedule 7, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, after ‘means’—

insert—

a business

- (3) Schedule 7, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a), ‘a business’—

omit.

- (4) Schedule 7, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)(ii), examples—

omit, insert—

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing
business, silage baling business, timber plantation
maintenance business

8 Amendment of sch 23, s 3 (Definitions for schedule)

- (1) Schedule 23, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, after ‘means’—

insert—

a business

- (2) Schedule 23, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a), ‘a business’—

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omit.

- (3) Schedule 23, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)(ii), examples—

omit, insert—

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

9 Insertion of new sch 23, s 13A

Schedule 23, after section 13—

insert—

13A Restrictions on eligibility relating to national redress scheme

- (1) A primary producer, small business owner or non-profit organisation (each a ***relevant entity***) is not eligible for assistance under the scheme if the relevant entity—
 - (a) is a non-government institution; and
 - (b) is the subject of a disqualifying disclosure.
- (2) For subsection (1), a relevant entity is the subject of a ***disqualifying disclosure*** if the national redress scheme operator makes both of the following disclosures about the relevant entity on the scheme website—
 - (a) a disclosure authorised under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 95A(1);
 - (b) a disclosure authorised under section 95A(2)(c), (e) or (g) of that Act.
- (3) This section applies despite sections 11, 12 and 13.
- (4) In this section—

national redress scheme means the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse established under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 8.

national redress scheme operator means the National Redress Scheme Operator within the meaning of the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 6.

non-government institution see the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 114(2) and (3).

scheme website means the website maintained for the national redress scheme by the national redress scheme operator.

Editor's note—

The scheme website is www.nationalredress.gov.au.

10 Amendment of sch 30, s 3 (Definitions for sch 30)

- (1) Schedule 30, section 3, heading, 'sch 30'—

omit, insert—

schedule

- (2) Schedule 30, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)—

omit, insert—

- (a) that—

- (i) involves primary production, including the agricultural, apicultural, aquacultural, commercial wild-catch fishing, forestry, grazing and horticultural industries; or
- (ii) supports primary production; and

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Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

11 Amendment of sch 39, s 1 (Objective of scheme)

Schedule 39, section 1, ‘new permanent capital infrastructure’—

omit, insert—

eligible projects

12 Amendment of sch 39, s 3 (Definitions for schedule)

Schedule 39, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)—

omit, insert—

(a) that—

(i) involves primary production, including the agricultural, apicultural, aquacultural, forestry, grazing and horticultural industries; or

(ii) supports primary production; and

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

13 Amendment of sch 39, s 4 (Meaning of *eligible project*)

(1) Schedule 39, section 4(1)(a)—

omit, insert—

(a) will involve—

- (i) installing or constructing new permanent capital infrastructure; or
- (ii) upgrading existing permanent capital infrastructure; and
- (ab) will involve purchasing goods, or engaging a person to provide services, for the installation or construction, or upgrade, of the infrastructure; and

(2) Schedule 39, section 4(1), examples—

omit, insert—

Examples of an eligible project mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(i)—

- installing new water tanks or water troughs
- installing a new irrigation system
- constructing a new dam
- constructing a new feed store
- drilling a new bore

Examples of an eligible project mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(ii)—

- replacing the pipes in an existing irrigation system with larger pipes
- desilting an existing dam
- adding an extra silo ring to an existing feed store
- replacing the pump in an existing bore with a pump that has a greater capacity

(3) Schedule 39, section 4(1)(ab) to (c)—

renumber as schedule 39, section 4(1)(b) to (d).

(4) Schedule 39, section 4(2)—

omit, insert—

- (2) For subsection (1)(d), a project mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) does not commence only because a deposit is paid in relation to—

- (i) the purchase of goods for the project; or

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- (ii) the engagement of a person to provide services for the project.

14 Amendment of sch 39, s 6 (Nature and amount of assistance)

Schedule 39, section 6(3), definition *cost*—

omit, insert—

cost, of an eligible project—

- (a) includes—
 - (i) charges for freight associated with the eligible project; and
 - (ii) expenses for consumables, including fuel, associated with the eligible project; and
 - (iii) charges for installation or construction associated with the eligible project; but
- (b) for an eligible project mentioned in section 4(1)(a)(ii), does not include charges or expenses associated with—
 - (i) the replacement of any part of the existing permanent capital infrastructure with a thing that is the same, or substantially the same, as the replaced part; or

Example—

replacing a water pump that is part of an irrigation system that has lost pressure with a water pump that has the same pump capacity

- (ii) the repair or maintenance of the existing permanent capital infrastructure or of any part of the existing permanent capital infrastructure.

15 Amendment of sch 40, s 3 (Definitions for schedule)

Schedule 40, section 3, definition *primary production enterprise*, paragraph (a)—

omit, insert—

(a) that—

(i) involves primary production, including the agricultural, apicultural, aquacultural, forestry, grazing and horticultural industries; or

(ii) supports primary production; and

Examples of a business that supports primary production—

farm irrigation business, mustering business, shearing business, silage baling business, timber plantation maintenance business

16 Amendment of sch 40, s 4 (Meaning of *eligible project*)

(1) Schedule 40, section 4(1)(a)—

omit, insert—

(a) will involve—

(i) installing or constructing new permanent capital infrastructure; or

(ii) upgrading existing permanent capital infrastructure; and

(ab) will involve purchasing goods, or engaging a person to provide services, for the installation or construction, or upgrade, of the infrastructure; and

(2) Schedule 40, section 4(1), examples—

omit, insert—

Examples of an eligible project mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(i)—

- installing new water tanks or water troughs

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- installing a new irrigation system
- constructing a new dam
- constructing a new feed store
- drilling a new bore

Examples of an eligible project mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(ii)—

- replacing the pipes in an existing irrigation system with larger pipes
- desilting an existing dam
- adding an extra silo ring to an existing feed store
- replacing the pump in an existing bore with a pump that has a greater capacity

(3) Schedule 40, section 4(1)(ab) to (c)—

renumber as schedule 40, section 4(1)(b) to (d).

(4) Schedule 40, section 4(2)—

omit, insert—

(2) For subsection (1)(d), a project mentioned in subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii) does not commence only because a deposit is paid in relation to—

- (i) the purchase of goods for the project; or
- (ii) the engagement of a person to provide services for the project.

17 Amendment of sch 40, s 7 (Nature of assistance)

Schedule 40, section 7(2), definition *cost*—

omit, insert—

cost, of an eligible project—

(a) includes—

- (i) charges for freight associated with the eligible project; and
- (ii) expenses for consumables, including fuel, associated with the eligible project; and

- (iii) charges for installation or construction associated with the eligible project; but
- (b) for an eligible project mentioned in section 4(1)(a)(ii), does not include charges or expenses associated with—
 - (i) the replacement of any part of the existing permanent capital infrastructure with a thing that is the same, or substantially the same, as the replaced part; or

Example—

replacing a water pump that is part of an irrigation system that has lost pressure with a water pump that has the same pump capacity

- (ii) the repair or maintenance of the existing permanent capital infrastructure or of any part of the existing permanent capital infrastructure.

18 Amendment of sch 47, s 12 (Eligibility criteria)

Schedule 47, section 12—

insert—

- (2) However, an applicant is not eligible to receive assistance under the scheme if the applicant—
 - (a) is a non-government institution; and
 - (b) is the subject of a disqualifying disclosure.
- (3) For subsection (1), an applicant is the subject of a ***disqualifying disclosure*** if the national redress scheme operator makes both of the following disclosures about the applicant on the scheme website—
 - (a) a disclosure authorised under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child*

Sexual Abuse Act 2018 (Cwlth), section 95A(1);

(b) a disclosure authorised under section 95A(2)(c), (e) or (g) of that Act.

(4) In this section—

national redress scheme means the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse established under the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 8.

national redress scheme operator means the National Redress Scheme Operator within the meaning of the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 6.

non-government institution see the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* (Cwlth), section 114(2) and (3).

scheme website means the website maintained for the national redress scheme by the national redress scheme operator.

Editor's note—

The scheme website is www.nationalredress.gov.au.

19 Amendment of sch 61, s 15 (Operation of scheme)

(1) Schedule 61, section 15(2), ‘30 June 2025’—

omit, insert—

30 November 2026

(2) Schedule 61, section 15(3), ‘30 June 2026’—

omit, insert—

30 June 2027

(3) Schedule 61, section 15—

insert—

(6) In this section—

Minister means the Minister responsible for administering the *Fisheries Act 1994*.

Endnotes

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 18 December 2025.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 19 December 2025.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development.

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