

Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021

Statement of Compatibility

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Amendments during consideration in detail moved by the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and Minister for Investment

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Cameron Dick, Treasurer and Minister for Investment make this statement of compatibility with respect to amendments to be moved in consideration in detail to the Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021.

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved in consideration in detail to the Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021 are 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 Bill

The Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021 (Bill) makes minor and technical amendments to the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* to address issues identified during drafting of the supporting regulations. The amendments relocate provisions to the Act instead of the regulations, clarify head of power issues and will improve the operation and readability of the regulations.

Clause 234 inserts new section 48A, which requires a person who provides a tattoo ink to someone else to ensure a compliant analysis certificate has been prepared for the tattoo ink at the time of providing the ink and requires a person to be reasonably satisfied that a compliant analysis certificate has been prepared for a tattoo ink before using the ink for tattooing. The offence carries a maximum penalty of 100 penalty units, for the supplier, or 50 penalty units for the person using the tattoo ink.

During the Economic and Governance Committee's (the Committee) consideration of the Bill, some stakeholders raised concerns about the complexity of complying with the requirement to have a compliant analysis certificate for the supply and use of tattoo ink. Following consideration of industry feedback, it is proposed that the amendments be withdrawn to allow for further consultation to be undertaken with industry.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the amendments to be moved to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

Consideration has been given as to whether the proposed amendments to the Bill might engage certain human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, and which rights might be relevant to the Bill.

Following consideration of the proposed amendments, it has been concluded that the amendments to the Bill do not engage any human rights as the omission of clauses 234, 241, 246(2) and 249 return to the status quo by removing the proposed offence provision.

In my opinion, there are no human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* relevant to, engaged or limited by the Bill.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved in consideration in detail to the Debt Reduction and Savings Bill 2021 are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because they do not limit any human rights.

HON CAMERON DICK MP
TREASURER
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