

# **Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014**

Explanatory Notes for SL 2014 No. 51

made under the

*Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2014*

### **Authorising law**

Sections 3, 8, 10, 11 and 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994* (the Act).

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The objective of the amendment regulation is to revise the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011* (the Regulation) to omit obsolete provisions relating to assistance schemes which have concluded or are not being continued. In doing so, the amendments will reduce regulatory requirements imposed upon Government and stakeholders. The amendment regulation also makes minor amendments in respect of two schemes to direct readers of the legislation to commonwealth agencies from which to obtain relevant information.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The amendment regulation will achieve these objectives by omitting schedules relating to obsolete assistance schemes and preserving those schedules which prescribe assistance schemes which have not concluded or are to be continued. The amendment regulation also amends the website addresses for Australian Emergency Management and Centrelink to ensure that persons wishing to obtain relevant information are directed to the current website address for each agency.

### **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The amendment regulation is consistent with the main object of the Act in that it will still enable QRAA to administer approved assistance schemes to assist primary producers, small

business and other sectors during periods of temporary difficulty, or to otherwise benefit the Queensland economy.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The amendment regulation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The State Government will not incur any costs in the implementation of the amendment regulation.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The amendment regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

QRAA was consulted to identify those schedules of the Regulation which are no longer required and could be omitted.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation within the Queensland Competition Authority was consulted with regard to regulatory impact statement (RIS) requirements and they confirmed that the amendment regulation is excluded from the RIS system.