

Water Resource (Barron) Plan (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2014

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 174

made under the

Water Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 52A of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act)

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The primary objective of this subordinate legislation is to postpone the expiry of the *Water Resource (Barron) Plan 2002*.

The *Water Resource (Barron) Plan 2002* continues to be appropriate for the plan area. Postponing the expiry of the water resource plan will also provide an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of a more flexible and equitable framework for managing and allocating water resources in the plan area, which will be implemented through the targeted review of the plan that is currently underway at the time of this notice. There are no expected adverse impacts of the postponement of plan expiry on water users or the environment.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives are achieved through the notice, which is declared to be subordinate legislation under section 52B(9) of the Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The notice is consistent with the main objectives of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

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

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no costs associated with implementation of this notice.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

A notice outlining the proposed new expiry date for the plan and the reasons for the proposed postponement was published on the Department of Natural Resources and Mines website and advertised in the Cairns Post and Atherton Tablelander. Public submissions received were considered in making a final decision to postpone the expiry of the *Water Resource (Barron) Plan 2002*.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was consulted in relation to the notice and confirmed that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required.

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