

Major Events (Townsville 400) Regulation 2015

Explanatory notes for SL 2015 No. 27

made under the

Major Events Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 12 of the *Major Events Act 2014*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The 2015 Castrol EDGE Townsville 400 will be held from 10 – 12 July 2015.

The Townsville 400 was first held in 2009, and is currently contracted to run each year until 2016.

The event is televised nationally and internationally, bringing valuable publicity for Townsville and Queensland. It receives live coverage on Network Ten and Fox Sports and international coverage in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates.

The policy objective of this Regulation is to facilitate the Townsville 400 being held.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the Townsville 400 as a major event under the Act. The Regulation also prescribes the major event organiser, major event area, the official title, the major event period and periods for carrying out temporary works, and application of provisions of the Act for the event.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising law, as described above.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

There is no inconsistency with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The costs of implementing this regulation are negligible.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

This Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

The Regulation provides for the major event organiser to appoint authorised persons. It requires those persons to be licensed crowd controllers under the *Security Providers Act 1993*. The Regulation also prescribes limits on authorised persons who are not police officers so they may not inspect things in a person's possession, seize items, require a persons' name or address, or move or remove vehicles left in a major event area.

The Regulation also provides a person must not display posters in the major event area during the major event period. This is prescribed under section 20(6)(h) of the Act, and is entirely consistent with other provisions already contained in section 20 of the Act. It does not apply if the poster was displayed before the major event period and was displayed in the course of the person's ordinary activities. It will help prevent persons from seeking to exploit the event for their own gain, and will also help maintain the amenity of the major event area and ensure patrons are able to enjoy the event.

Provisions in the Regulation have the following time limitations placed on them:

- the major event period is from midday on Thursday 9 July 2015 to midday on Monday 13 July 2015; and
- the periods for temporary works for the event is from 1 June 2015 to midday on 9 July 2015, and midday on 13 July 2015 to 1 August 2015.

These limitations will help ensure provisions in the Regulation do not have a significant impact outside of these times, and help ensure they have sufficient regard for the rights and liberties of individuals.

Consultation

The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, the Minister for Transport, and the Mayor of the City of Townsville have been consulted, as required under section 13 of the Act.

Consultation has also occurred with V8 Supercars Australia and Tourism and Events Queensland.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation within the Queensland Competition Authority was consulted and has advised, as the major event area is substantially the same as the declared area for last year's event, this Regulation is excluded from the Regulatory Impact Statement system.

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