

Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 500) Amendment Regulation 2025

Explanatory notes for SL 2025 No. 46

made under the

Major Events Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Sections 12, 13 and 84(1) of the *Major Events Act 2014*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The 2025 NTI Townsville 500 motor racing event will be held from 11 to 13 July 2025.

The policy objective of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) (Townsville 500) Amendment Regulation 2025* (the Amendment Regulation) is to facilitate the 2025 NTI Townsville 500 event in Queensland.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective will be achieved by prescribing the 2025 NTI Townsville 500 as a major event under the *Major Events Act 2014* (the MEA). The Amendment Regulation also prescribes the major event period and periods for carrying out temporary works for the event, and the official title of the event. The major event organiser, V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd, is the same as for the 2024 event, and the prescribed major event area for the 2025 NTI Townsville 500 (the area surrounding Townsville Civic Theatre) is the same as for previous events (2022, 2023 and 2024). Part 4 of the *Major Events (Motor Racing Events) Regulation 2015* details other provisions from the MEA that apply to the event.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the MEA, which are to provide for the holding of major events and for the safety of visitors and spectators at major events.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

There is no inconsistency between the Amendment Regulation and the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Amendment Regulation is necessary to enable the major event organiser (V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd) to stage the 2025 NTI Townsville 500.

The Townsville 500 event delivers tourism and economic benefits for Townsville and the State of Queensland. This includes generating local jobs and showcasing Townsville and Queensland to a significant television audience around Australia and overseas. The event is televised nationally and internationally, bringing valuable publicity for the North Queensland region and the State of Queensland. The event receives live coverage on the Seven Network, Foxtel and Kayo, with international coverage in New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Hong Kong, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom. The 2025 NTI Townsville 500 is expected to have similar outcomes as the 2024 event:

- total attendances across the event: 126,000+;
- visitor nights: 120,000+;
- interstate and overseas visitors: 18,000+;
- TV audience peak: 1.150 million; and
- economic impact: \$36 million.

In accordance with *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy*, a Summary Impact Analysis Statement (IAS) was prepared in relation to the regulatory proposal. The IAS determined that the proposal is minor and machinery in nature and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy or new impacts on business, government or the community. No further regulatory impact analysis is required. Costs incurred for the publication of public notices on the periods of temporary works for the event will be met through existing internal department resources. The economic benefits of the event to the local and state economy significantly outweigh the implementation costs.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is machinery in nature and does not depart from the fundamental legislative principle safeguards established under the MEA.

Consultation

Consultation occurred with the major event organiser, V8 Supercars Australia Pty Ltd.

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services; the Minister for Transport and Main Roads; and the Acting Mayor of Townsville City Council were consulted in accordance with section 13 of the MEA.

All parties consulted support the Amendment Regulation.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was notified of the proposal.

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