

# **Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding and New Scheme for 2019–2020 Extraordinary Bushfires Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2020**

## **Human Rights Certificate**

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

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries make this statement of compatibility with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding and New Scheme for 2019–2020 Extraordinary Bushfires Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2020* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding and New Scheme for 2019–2020 Extraordinary Bushfires Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2020* is 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 Subordinate Legislation**

The *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding and New Scheme for 2019–2020 Extraordinary Bushfires Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2020* is made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The authorising law for the regulation is section 44 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

The legislation is to amend approved assistance schemes under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011*. The purpose of the amendment regulation is to expand assistance available for eligible Queensland primary producers, small businesses and non-profit organisations affected by bushfires during the 2019-2020 financial year, in accordance with the Emergency Bushfire Response: Small Business, Primary Producer and Non-profit Organisations Concessional Loans, and Emergency Bushfire Response: Small Business and non-profit organisations grants.

It is proposed to amend the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011* (Schedule 23) and add an addition schedule (Schedule 24 Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Loans Scheme) to ensure that the regulation is reflective of recent policy changes (changes to the grant amounts and the loan amounts) made by the Australian Government.

## Human Rights Issues

### **Human Rights relevant to the subordinate legislation (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)**

The potential impact of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding and New Scheme for 2019–2020 Extraordinary Bushfires Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2020* on the human rights in sections 15 to 37 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* was considered and no potential impact was identified.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Extension of Funding and New Scheme for 2019–2020 Extraordinary Bushfires Disaster) Amendment Regulation 2020* is compatible with the Human Rights Act because it does not limit any of the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

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