

# Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19: Fee Waiver) 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, Leeanne Enoch, Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID 19: Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2020* made under the *Forestry Act 1959*, the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*.

In my opinion, the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID 19: Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2020*, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, 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

### Purpose

The purpose of the subordinate legislation is to make amendments to allow for the implementation of the Queensland Government's Immediate Industry Assistance Package in response to COVID-19. Amendments are being made to allow the Department of Environment and Science to not charge the daily per passenger fees for tourism operators visiting protected areas, recreation areas and State forests for the period 1 February 2020 to 31 July 2020. This fee relief is intended to boost cash-flow for operators and help provide some relief from lower visitor numbers during the impacts of COVID-19 on the State's tourism industry.

### Subordinate legislation amended

- *Forestry Regulation 2015*
- *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2017*
- *Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2017*

### Authorising law

- Section 97 and Schedule 2 of the *Forestry Act 1959*
- Section 175 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*
- Section 232 of the *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006*

## Human Rights Issues

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

No human rights have been identified as being engaged by the subordinate legislation.

## Conclusion

I consider that the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19: Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2020* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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