

Ambulance Service (Fees) 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 the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Ambulance Service (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2020* made under the *Ambulance Service Act 1991*.

In my opinion, the *Ambulance Service (Fees) 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

The *Queensland Government Principles for Fees and Charges* (January 2018) requires agencies to set fees and charges to accurately reflect the cost of providing their services, and to ensure these fees and charges maintain their value over time. Where a regular comprehensive review of fees and charges is not cost effective or no specific indexation method has been otherwise approved, agencies are required to annually apply the Government-endorsed indexation factor to their fees and charges. The Government-endorsed indexation factor is 1.8 per cent for 2020-21.

The *Ambulance Service Regulation 2015* sets out fees and charges for ambulance services such as emergency and non-emergency transport, ambulance attendance and for the treatment of a person by an ambulance officer.

The main objective of the *Ambulance Service (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2020* is to index the fees and charges prescribed in the *Ambulance Service Regulation* in accordance with Government policy.

Human Rights Issues

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

The Regulation does not raise any human rights issues.

Consideration of reasonable limitations on human rights (section 13 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

As the Regulation does not raise any human rights issues, it does not limit any human rights, therefore it is not necessary to consider section 13 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Ambulance Service (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2020* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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DEPUTY PREMIER
and MINISTER FOR HEALTH
and MINISTER FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

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