

# ***Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 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, Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for Youth Affairs provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 2020* made under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

In my opinion, the *Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 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 taking of macropods under a macropod harvesting licence is governed by the terms of a Harvest Period Notice. The taking, keeping and use of macropods is regulated by virtue of section 88 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Under current legislative provisions macropods are lawfully taken in the wild in Queensland under Macropod harvesting licences, damage mitigation permits and scientific permits.

The Harvest Period Notice is a mechanism for giving effect to the outcome of the annual quotas, which are determined by the State Government and endorsed by the Federal Government. The Harvest Period Notice states the species of macropods that can be lawfully taken and which regions they can be taken.

Within the harvest zones macropods cannot be taken from national parks (section 88 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*) or state forests (section 37 of the *Nature Conservation (Macropod) Conservation Plan 2017*). It is also a condition on macropod harvesting licences that the permit holder must have written landholder consent to take macropods from private properties. The Harvest Period Notice does not include shires managed by First Nations peoples such as Woorabinda and Doomadgee. The harvest of macropods in these shires are managed by the First Nations Peoples in the shire.

## **Human Rights Issues**

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

The *Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 2020* is compatible with the relevant rights in Part 2, Division 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

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

The *Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 2020* does not limit, restrict or interfere with the relevant human rights outlined in Part 2, Division 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

**Conclusion**

The *Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 2020* is compatible with human rights as it does not limit, restrict or interfere with the relevant human rights outlined in Part 2, Division 2 and 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

I consider that the *Nature Conservation (Macropod Harvest Period 2021) Notice 2020* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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