

Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2021

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 and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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 2021*, 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 purpose of the subordinate legislation is to make amendments to allow for the implementation of an element of the Queensland Government's Tourism and Hospitality Sector COVID-19 Lockdown Support Package. Amendments are being made to enable the Department of Environment and Science to waive the requirement for tourism operators with commercial activity permits undertaking tours on protected areas, recreation areas and State forests to pay daily fees associated with this use from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Subordinate legislation amended

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

Authorising law

- Section 97 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*)

The *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2021* does not engage any human rights.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Nature Conservation and Other Legislation (COVID-19—Fee Waiver) Amendment Regulation 2021* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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