

# Rural and Regional Adjustment (Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme) 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, Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, make this human rights certificate with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021*, 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 (Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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*.

All schemes of financial assistance administered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) are required to be set out in regulation.

The legislation is to introduce a new scheme of financial assistance to be administered by QRIDA to support primary producers become better prepared for drought and support primary producers during drought. It is proposed to establish by regulation the following drought preparedness assistance scheme for primary producers:

- Schedule 39 Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme: a program which will provide a 25 per cent rebate on new capital infrastructure identified in the applicant's resilience plan that is undertaken to improve the drought preparedness of his or her primary production enterprise, for example, the purchase and installation of new water infrastructure or fodder storages. The maximum amount payable under the scheme is \$50,000.

## 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 (Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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 (Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2021* 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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