

Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Tourism Business Professional Advice Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2022

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, provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Tourism Business Professional Advice Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2022* (Amendment Regulation) made under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*.

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, 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 main objective of the Amendment Regulation is to help businesses in an expanded number of tourism industries that have been financially impacted as a result of COVID-19 access eligible professional legal, financial and/or human resources advice.

The Amendment Regulation does this by amending the Tourism Business Professional Advice Rebate Scheme in schedule 19 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994* to include additional Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) codes of tourism industries in the scheme to allow more eligible tourism businesses to apply for the rebate.

The Amendment Regulation amends the date by which time applications are to be received by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) from 30 June 2022 to 31 December 2022. The amended closing date for receipt of applications provides an extended opportunity for tourism business owners to lodge applications for assistance. The rebate is extended to 31 December 2022, rather than 30 June 2023, in line with the broader Tourism Business Financial Counselling Service, as this is considered when support will no longer be required. A further amendment may be sought to extend the program should conditions change.

The Amendment Regulation also enables QRIDA to pay a rebate under the scheme on behalf of successful applicants directly to the professional service provider instead of requiring eligible businesses to pay for the cost of professional services up-front.

Applicants who have previously been refused assistance under the scheme on the basis that they had not paid for professional advice will not be precluded from reapplying for assistance under the amended criteria.

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

The *Human Rights Act 2019* has been considered in regard to the Amendment Regulation and it has been determined that no human rights are limited. This is because the Amendment Regulation protects the human rights of the individuals and does not limit their rights.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Tourism Business Professional Advice Rebate Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2022* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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