

Water (Fee Unit Conversion) 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, Glenn Butcher MP, Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Water (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* made under the *Water Act 2000*.

In my opinion, the *Water (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022*, 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 *Water Regulation 2016* is to support the application of the provisions of the *Water Act 2000*. The amendments to the *Water Regulation 2016* are to:

1. convert regulatory fees and charges from fee dollars to fee units for fees associated with the allocation, supply or taking of water under the *Water Regulation 2016*, and payable to the chief executive of the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (the Department); and
2. make minor and technical amendments to the *Water Regulation 2016* to remove redundant requirements about water management areas and the application of relevant fees and charges.

The fee unit value is specified in the *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022* and will adjust fees and charges levied accordingly from 1 July 2022.

The minor amendments and corrections will achieve consistency and currency of the department legislation in line with government objectives

Human Rights Issues

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

There are no Human Rights issues relevant to the *Water (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022*.

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

Not applicable.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Water (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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and Manufacturing and Minister for Water

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