Proclamation – Child Protection Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Act 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, Shannon Fentiman, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Proclamation – *Child Protection Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*.

In my opinion, the Proclamation, 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

This Proclamation fixes the date of commencement of stated provisions of the *Child Protection Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022* (Amendment Act), which amend the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (WWC Act).

The amendments to the WWC Act facilitate Queensland's participation in the Working with Children Check National Reference System – a national database which enables jurisdictions to identify persons who have been deemed ineligible to work with children in another State or Territory. These amendments provide important safeguards for the blue card system.

This Proclamation fixes 2 December 2022 as the date of commencement.

Human Rights Issues

The Proclamation does not affect or engage a human right.

Conclusion

In my opinion the Proclamation – *Child Protection Reform and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022* is compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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