

Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023

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, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* made under Part 12B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

In my opinion, the *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023*, 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 *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* was amended in mid- 2021 to implement a regulatory fee unit model that streamlines the annual process of indexing regulatory fees.

The fee unit model provides for the indexation of the fee unit value rather than the amendment of hundreds of pages of agency regulation to index each individual fee.

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022* (the Regulation) prescribes the value of a fee unit for a given Act pursuant to section 48B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

The Regulation requires amendment each year to reflect indexation in line with the Government Indexation Rate.

The Regulation prescribes the value of a fee unit for fees indexed on 1 July, as well as prescribing different values for a fee unit to account for fees with alternative indexation dates (i.e. not 1 July) which are listed at Schedule 1 of the Regulation.

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* amends the Regulation to index the value of a fee unit for the 2023-24 financial year and reflect the correct listing of regulations with alternative indexation dates.

Human Rights Issues

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

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* is merely an administrative mechanism to enable the regulatory fee unit model to be implemented. The fee unit model only regulates internal government bodies, not individuals. As such, no human rights are engaged by the Regulation.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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