

Police Service Administration (Ranks of Officers) 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, Mark Ryan, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Police Service Administration (Ranks of Officers) Amendment Regulation 2023* made under the *Police Service Administration Act 1990*.

In my opinion, the *Police Service Administration (Ranks of Officers) 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

On 2 May 2023, the *Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Act (No. 1) 2023* amended a number of Acts including the *Police Service Administration Act 1990* (PSAA).

The objective of these amendments to the PSAA was to allow persons with policing experience including former police officers to be employed as a special constable (State officer) under the PSAA. Upon being appointed, special constables (State officer) are police officers and members of the Queensland Police Service who are employed on a basis other than part-time or full-time.

The *Police Service Administration (Ranks of Officers) Amendment Regulation 2023* (the Amendment Regulation) makes a consequential amendment by amending schedule 1 'Ranks and categories of officer' of the *Police Service Administration Regulation 2016* by expanding the list of police officers to include a special constable (State officer).

Human Rights Issues

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

The Amendment Regulation does not engage, limit or interfere with an individual's human rights but are simply consequential amendments that support prior amendments made to the PSAA in relation to a special constable (State officer).

Conclusion

I consider that the *Police Service Administration (Ranks of Officers) Amendment Regulation 2023* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit an individual's human rights.

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MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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