

Explosives Amendment Regulation 2025

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HR Act)

In accordance with section 41 of the HR Act, I, Dale Last MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Explosives Amendment Regulation 2025* (the Amendment Regulation) made under the *Explosives Act 1999* (the Explosives Act).

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the HR Act. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Amendment Regulation amends the *Explosives Regulation 2017* (the Explosives Regulation) as authorised under sections 51A and 135 of the Explosives Act. The objective of the Amendment Regulation is to provide a temporary exemption to allow for the transportation of specified prohibited explosives from New South Wales through Queensland to the Northern Territory before 1 July 2025.

Human Rights Issues

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

I consider the right to life (section 16 of the HR Act) to be relevant as the Amendment Regulation temporarily authorises the transportation of specified prohibited explosives through Queensland to the Northern Territory. The transportation of any explosives on Queensland roads inherently involves a degree of risk to public safety, particularly for road users. However, the temporary exemption allows the transportation of these explosives under specific conditions that align with Queensland's existing regulatory framework for transporting explosives. Consequently, the Amendment Regulation does not limit the right to life.

Conclusion

I consider that the Amendment Regulation is compatible with the HR Act because it does not limit human rights.

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