

Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

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, Ann Leahy, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers provide this human rights certificate with respect to the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025 made under the *Water Act 2000*.

In my opinion, the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025, 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 Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025 (the POE Notice) is subordinate legislation published under section 56(1) of the *Water Act 2000* (the Act) and postpones the expiry of the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011 (the water plan) until 30 June 2028. This will ensure that sustainable water management arrangements under the current water plan, which is due to expire on 30 August 2025, continues to remain in place, thus protecting the existing water entitlements and the needs of the environment.

The POE Notice has been prepared under section 55 of the Act and is not subject to the public consultation process. However, public consultation will be undertaken as part of the preparation of a replacement water plan under the Act.

Human Rights Issues

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

The decision of the Minister to postpone the expiry of the water plan until 30 June 2028 to prepare a new replacement water plan does not limit any human rights.

The postponement of the expiry of the water plan until 30 June 2028 stated under the POE Notice will preserve the existing water management framework under the water plan while providing more time to prepare the new water plan under the Act.

Conclusion

I consider that the water plan POE Notice is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS

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