District Court of Queensland Regulation 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* (HR Act), I, the Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *District Court of Queensland Regulation 2025* (the DCQ 2025 Regulation) made under the *District Court of Queensland Act 1967* (the Act).

In my opinion, the DCQ 2025 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

Section 7(1) of the Act provides that a regulation may declare a district for the District Court at a place. Generally, the District Court district must consist of one or more Magistrates Courts districts.

The District Court of Queensland Regulation 2015 (the DCQ 2015 Regulation) currently declares the places at which the District Court is to be held, and the District Court districts for each place. The DCQ 2015 Regulation will automatically expire on 1 September 2025, pursuant to section 54(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1992.

The DCQ 2025 Regulation replaces and remakes the DCQ 2015 Regulation in substantially the same form, continuing the effective and undisturbed operationalisation of District Court districts to promote the efficient administration of justice by ensuring that proceedings are started in the appropriate court district.

Human Rights Issues

I have considered each of the rights protected by part 2 of the HR Act. In my opinion, the DCQ 2025 Regulation does not engage or limit human rights.

Conclusion

I consider that the DCQ 2025 Regulation is compatible with the HR Act because it does not limit human rights.

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