

Rural and Regional Adjustment (Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme and Other Matters) Amendment 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* (the HR Act), I, Dale Last MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, make this human rights certificate with respect to the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2025* (Amendment Regulation) under the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994* (the 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 is made under the Act.

The authorising law for the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011* which the Amendment Regulation amends is section 44 of the Act which allows the Governor in Council to make regulations under the Act. The Act is the governing law for the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) which is established to administer schemes of financial assistance of the Queensland and Australian Governments.

The Act requires that all schemes of financial assistance administered by QRIDA be set out in regulation. Accordingly, new schemes and amendments to existing QRIDA schemes requires regulatory amendment.

This particular regulatory amendment is principally to allow QRIDA to administer the Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme (Schedule 66 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011*).

The amendment also amends several agriculture related schemes of financial assistance to clarify that the relevant minister, chief executive or department for the purposes of that scheme is the minister, chief executive or department responsible for primary industries.

This amendment also reopens the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Grants Scheme (Schedule 15 of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011*) to applications from the date of Governor-in-Council approval, with a closing date of 30 June 2026. Previous to this regulatory amendment, Schedule 15 had a closing date of 30 June 2025.

Human Rights Issues

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

The potential impact of the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2025* on the human rights in sections 15 to 37 of the HR Act was considered and no potential impact was identified.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Rural and Regional Adjustment (Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2025* is compatible with the HR Act because it does not limit any of the human rights protected by the HR Act.

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