

Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) 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*, I, the Honourable Ros Bates MP, Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025* made under the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992*.

In my opinion, the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 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 purpose of the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025* is to approve the terms of amendments to the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth) (the Cth MRA) to permanently exempt certain legislation of Victoria relating to that state's Container Deposit Scheme from the application of the Cth MRA, as required under section 5(1)(b) and 6 of the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992*.

The Victorian Container Deposit Scheme is a recycling scheme for beverage containers similar to those in operation in all other states and territories, including Queensland.

The exemption from the application of the Cth MRA will ensure that relevant beverage containers sold in Victoria that have been imported from or produced in another Australian jurisdiction, comply with the labelling requirements of the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme.

Authorising law:

- Section 47 of the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth)
- Sections 5 and 6 of the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Act 1992*
- Section 20A of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.

Human Rights Issues

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

No human rights are identified as engaged or limited by the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025*.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

ROS BATES MP
MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

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