



Queensland

# Mineral Resources and Other Legislation (Extension of Waiver Provisions—COVID- 19) Amendment Regulation 2020

## Subordinate Legislation 2020 No. 253

made under the

*Mineral Resources Act 1989*

*Petroleum Act 1923*

*Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*

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## **Part 1 Preliminary**

### **1 Short title**

This regulation may be cited as the *Mineral Resources and Other Legislation (Extension of Waiver Provisions—COVID-19) Amendment Regulation 2020*.

### **2 Commencement**

This regulation is taken to have commenced on 1 October 2020.

## **Part 2 Amendment of Mineral Resources Regulation 2013**

### **3 Regulation amended**

This part amends the *Mineral Resources Regulation 2013*.

### **4 Insertion of new s 98A**

After section 98—

*insert—*

#### **98A Moratorium on rental payable for exploration permits for COVID-19 emergency**

- (1) This section applies in relation to rental payable under section 138 of the Act, for a year, for an exploration permit, if the rental is payable during the moratorium period.
- (2) For section 138(4) of the Act, the amount prescribed for the year is 0.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies—
  - (a) despite section 98; and



(5) In this section—

*special amendment fee* means the fee mentioned in schedule 2, part 1, item 7.

*waiver period* means the period—

- (a) starting on 1 October 2020; and
- (b) ending on 31 March 2021.

## 7 Insertion of new s 65A

After section 65—

*insert—*

### **65A Moratorium on annual rent payable for authorities to prospect for COVID-19 emergency**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies in relation to annual rent payable under the 2004 Act, section 75 for an authority to prospect if the rent is payable during the moratorium period.
- (2) For the 2004 Act, section 75(1)(b), the amount of annual rent payable is 0.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies in relation to annual rent payable under the 1923 Act, section 74N for an authority to prospect if the rent is payable during the moratorium period.
- (4) For the 1923 Act, section 74N(1)(b), the amount of annual rent payable is 0.
- (5) Subsections (2) and (4) apply despite section 65.
- (6) This section expires on 31 March 2021.
- (7) In this section—

*moratorium period* means the period—

  - (a) starting on 1 October 2020; and
  - (b) ending on 31 March 2021.

#### ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 2 October 2020.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 2 October 2020.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

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