

# **G20 (Safety and Security) Regulation 2014**

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 220

made under the

*G20 (Safety and Security) Act 2013*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*G20 (Safety and Security) Regulation 2014*

### **Authorising law**

Sections 12(1) and 100 of the *G20 (Safety and Security) Act 2013*

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The objective of the *G20 (Safety and Security) Regulation 2014* (the regulation) is to declare additional (non-emergency) security areas for the purposes of the *G20 (Safety and Security) Act 2013* (the Act).

The Act provides for special police powers and arrangements to allow for G20 meetings to be held safely in Cairns and Brisbane in 2014. The Act creates three different types of security areas for the G20 period including restricted areas, declared areas and motorcade areas. Each of these areas will have a different level of security and associated police powers.

Restricted and declared areas have varying commencement dates based on Commonwealth lease arrangements for venues and will cease to be security areas at the cessation of the Act (17 November 2014). Motorcade areas will only be declared as required.

Since the commencement of the Act on 7 November 2013, planning for the G20 meetings and events by the Commonwealth Government G20 Taskforce and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has progressed. As a result, it has been identified that additional (non-emergency) security areas are required to be declared by regulation to ensure the safety and security of the G20 Heads of State/Heads of

Government meeting (Leaders' Summit) to be held in Brisbane on 15 and 16 November 2014.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The regulation achieves the policy objectives by declaring the following additional (non-emergency) security areas to ensure the safety and security of the Leaders' Summit, delegates and members of the public:

- Brisbane Central declared area as an additional declared area from 8 to 13 November 2014, to effectively extend the time of the existing Brisbane Central declared area in the Act which commences on 14 November 2014;
- Gambaro Hotel, Brisbane as an additional restricted area from 14 November 2014;
- Intercontinental Hotel Sanctuary Cove Resort as an additional restricted area, with an associated additional declared area, from 9 November 2014;
- Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Brisbane as an additional restricted area from 12 November 2014;
- Treasury Casino and Hotel, Brisbane, which is already a restricted area under the Act from 10 November 2014, as an additional restricted area on 9 November 2014;
- parts of Glenelg, Russell, Melbourne, Merivale and Hope Streets, South Brisbane as additional restricted areas from 1 November 2014 to extend the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) restricted area as provided in the Act;
- BCEC plaza concourse as an additional restricted area from 1 to 11 November 2014;
- an area adjacent to the Southbank Piazza, including part of Little Stanley Street, South Brisbane, as an additional restricted area from 12 November 2014;
- an additional declared area at the Brisbane Airport, Eagle Farm from 14 November 2014;
- Southbank Cultural Precinct as an additional restricted area on 15 November 2014;
- Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa, Surfers Paradise as an additional declared area from 9 November 2014; and
- Palazzo Versace as an additional declared area from 9 November 2014.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of the authorising Act.

The objectives of the Act generally relate to providing police officers, non-State police officers and appointed persons with special powers to ensure the safety and security of the G20 meetings, delegates, members of the public and property. The objectives specifically include:

- (a) promoting the safety and security of the venues and facilities used or to be used for any part of the G20 meeting; and
- (b) promoting the safety and security of accommodation for persons attending any part of the G20 meetings; and
- (c) promoting the safety and security of motorcade routes used or to be used for transporting persons attending any part of the G20 meeting.

The regulation is consistent with these objectives as it declares additional (non-emergency) security areas to promote the safety and security of the Leaders' Summit to be held in Brisbane. This includes accommodation venues to be used by G20 delegates and other areas to protect the safety of members of the public.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

There are no alternative ways in which the objectives could be achieved.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The Commonwealth Government agreed to provide funding to the State of Queensland to cover the additional cost to the State of the G20 meetings being held in Queensland and in particular, to provide security for the meetings. The regulation is complementary to the State providing the required level of safety and security for the G20 meetings.

The regulation reflects the increased scale and scope of the G20 security operation. The additional cost of policing and securing the additional G20 security areas is being negotiated with the Commonwealth Government. There is an agreement in place between the Commonwealth and the State about the costs of providing security for the G20 events. Any variation to this agreement as a result of the need to declare additional security areas will be dealt with under that agreement.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The regulation extends the application of relevant powers and provisions in the Act to the additional (non-emergency) security areas declared in the regulation. It does not raise inconsistencies with fundamental legislative principles beyond those addressed in the Explanatory Notes to the G20 (Safety and Security) Bill 2013.

The additional security areas declared in the regulation were not identified at the time that the Act commenced. The Act expressly provided for additional areas to be declared by regulation to account for the ongoing planning for the G20 meetings by the Commonwealth G20 Taskforce and QPS.

## **Consultation**

The Commonwealth G20 Taskforce was consulted during the development of the regulation.

The Commonwealth G20 Taskforce is responsible for general community consultation and public awareness. The Taskforce, in partnership with the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council, has hosted three community information forums in Brisbane. These were held on 4 December 2013 at the BCEC and on 1 and 2 May 2014 at Brisbane City Hall. A further two community information forums are scheduled to be held in Brisbane before the Leaders' Summit.

The Commonwealth G20 Taskforce is also responsible for liaising with residents who will be impacted by the additional restricted areas whilst the QPS G20 Group is liaising with affected businesses. Solutions for access and other issues are being negotiated based on individual requirements. The QPS is also continuing to liaise with critical infrastructure providers and community groups to ensure up to date information is provided and individual concerns are addressed.

The Commonwealth G20 Taskforce has developed a transport notification plan to deliver information to the community about transport and traffic impacts as a result of the Leaders' Summit. This is expected to be rolled out in mid-September 2014 when the full transport and traffic impacts are known.

Ongoing individual and general public consultation by the Commonwealth G20 Taskforce and the QPS will continue in the lead up to the Leaders' Summit.