



QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT **COMMITTEES**

Report on subordinate legislation tabled 12 March 2025

Primary Industries and Resources Committee



Report No. 4

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Overview

This report summarises the committee's findings following its examination of the subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas tabled on 12 March 2025. It reports on any issues identified by the committee relating to the policy to be given effect by the legislation, fundamental legislative principles and lawfulness. It also reports on the compliance of the explanatory notes with the *Legislative Standards Act 1992* (LSA).¹

The report also notes any issues identified by the committee in its consideration of compliance with the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HRA)² and the human rights certificates tabled with the subordinate legislation.³

Subordinate legislation examined

No.	Subordinate legislation	Date tabled	Disallowance date
11	Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025	12 March 2025	12 June 2025

* Disallowance dates are based on proposed sitting dates as advised by the Leader of the House. These dates are subject to change.

Committee consideration of the subordinate legislation

Committee Comment



Unless noted below, the committee did not identify any significant issues regarding the policy, consistency with fundamental legislative principles, the lawfulness of the subordinate legislation or non-compliance with the HRA.

Similarly, unless noted below, the committee considers that the explanatory notes tabled with the subordinate legislation noted in this report comply with the requirements of section 24 of the LSA, which includes advice about consultation, and that the human rights certificates tabled with the subordinate legislation provide a sufficient level of information to facilitate understanding of the subordinate legislation in relation to their compatibility with the HRA.

1 SL No. 11 – Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025

The Rural and Regional Adjustment (Variation of Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025 (SL No. 11) amends the Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme (Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011, schedule 23) to extend disaster recovery assistance to include replacing crops grown by primary producers.

Replacing crops specifically includes: cost of seed, seedlings or plants, and associated

¹ *Legislative Standards Act 1992*, Part 4. See also, LSA s 4.

² *Human Rights Act 2019*, s 8, 13.

³ *Human Rights Act 2019*, s 41.

freight costs; eligible labour and/or contracting costs of replanting; fuel consumed by replanting; and any cost of fertiliser or chemicals used for the initial replanting only. Replacing crops is limited to replanting the first year of a sugarcane crop or sown pastures.⁴

The assistance commences from 29 January 2025 (with the North and Far North Tropical Low) and will include future such events.⁵

The explanatory notes contend that the amendment will provide benefits to communities impacted by events such as the North and Far North Tropical Low:

*Assisting businesses who incur costs to replace crops will assist more rapid recovery from natural disasters, resulting in higher levels of economic activity and employment in affected communities.*⁶

The explanatory notes also state that the risk of not progressing the amendments ‘include an unfair adverse impact on those primary producers who incur costs to replace crops’ due to the recent North and Far North Tropical Low flooding.⁷ The Australian Government shares the cost of natural disaster assistance with the Queensland Government and has agreed to the proposed extension.⁸



Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly note this report.

⁴ SL No. 11, explanatory notes, p 1.

⁵ SL No. 11, explanatory notes, p 1.

⁶ SL No. 11, explanatory notes, p 2.

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