

**Report to Parliament by the Minister for Police and Emergency
Services in compliance with section 56A(4) of the
Statutory Instruments Act 1992**

PURPOSE:

1. To inform Parliament, in compliance with section 56A(4) of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* (the SIA), that an extension regulation made under section 56A(2) of the SIA has preserved from expiry a statutory instrument administered by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for a further 12 months, to 31 August 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR REPORT:

2. Section 54(1)(b) of the SIA provides for the automatic expiry of subordinate legislation on 1 September first occurring after the 10 year anniversary of the day of its making unless a regulation is made under the Act that exempts it from expiry. Section 56A(1) of the SIA provides for a regulation to be made under that Act to exempt such subordinate legislation from expiry for a stated period of not more than one year after the subordinate legislation would otherwise expire. An exemption may be authorised for a number of reasons, including that the Act under which the subordinate legislation is made is subject to review.
3. Sections 56A(2) and (3) of the SIA provide for the initial exemption period to be further extended by regulation (the extension regulation) for periods of not more than one year each, provided the Act under which the subordinate legislation is made is still subject to review. In these circumstances, section 56A(4) of the SIA requires that within seven sitting days after the extension regulation is made, the responsible Minister for the subordinate legislation being exempted must table in the Legislative Assembly a report stating:
 - how the Act is subject to review; and, if the Act or provision is being reviewed by any Minister the report must further state:
 - the extent to which the Act is being reviewed; and
 - when the Minister expects the review to end.

BACKGROUND:

4. On 31 August 2025, the *Statutory Instruments (Exemptions from Expiry) Amendment Regulation 2025* exempted the *Disaster Management Regulation 2014* (DMR) and the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Regulation 2012* (PPRR) from expiring until 31 August 2026.

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 56A(4) OF THE SIA:

Disaster Management Act 2014 (DMA)

5. *How the DMA is subject to review*

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is reviewing the DMA and the DMR with the objective of ensuring the regulation supports the Act to meet its object of providing effective disaster management for the State.

6. *The extent to which the DMA is being reviewed.*

The review of the DMR and the DMA if focussed on ensuring the regulation appropriately supports the DMA through:

- prescribing the membership of the various disaster management groups;
- outlining how these groups must conduct their business and meetings; and
- declaring the boundaries of disaster districts.

7. *When the Minister expects the review to end.*

It is expected that the review will be completed by late 2025.

Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000 (PPRA)

8. *How the PPRA is subject to review.*

Section 807 'Review of Act' of the PPRA obliges the Minister to ensure the operation of this Act is regularly reviewed.

9. *The extent to which the PPRA is being reviewed.*

The QPS is reviewing the PPRA and the PPRR with the objective of ensuring the regulation supports this Act to meet its purposes. This includes considering if the PPRR assists in the provision of an effective and efficient regulatory system for:

- the exercise of the powers necessary for modern policing and law enforcement including:
 - the way that the powers and responsibilities of police officers and other QPS members are exercised;
 - the outlining of safeguards associated with the exercise of powers under the PPRA;
- ensuring fairness to, and the protection of rights of persons who have been subjected to the exercise of police powers;
- the conducting of DNA analyses; and
- the provision of information required to support certain court applications.

10. *When the Minister expects the review to end.*

It is proposed that the review will be completed early 2026.

I commend this report to the House.



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