
Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Report to the Legislative Assembly under Section 56A of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*

SUMMARY

The following report is made pursuant to section 56A of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* (the SI Act), which provides—

"s. 56A (4) Within 7 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—

- (a) how the Act or provision is subject to review; and
- (b) if subsection (6)(a) applies—
 - (i) the extent to which the Act or provision is being reviewed; and
 - (ii) when the Minister expects the review to end".

In accordance with section 56A(2) of the SI Act, the Statutory Instruments (Exemptions from Expiry) Amendment Regulation 2025 (SL No. 115) extended the expiry date for the Major Sports Facilities Regulation 2014 (the Regulation) for a period of one year to 31 August 2026.

EXEMPTION FROM EXPIRY

The Regulation was due to expire on 31 August 2025, having been previously exempted from expiry under the SI Act. The extension from expiry for the Regulation was made on the basis that the Major Sports Facilities Act 2001 (the Act) continues to be subject to review with the Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (the Bill) before the Legislative Assembly.

DETAILS OF REVIEW

Following a comprehensive review of the Act during 2023-24, the Bill has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly and is currently being considered by the State Development, Infrastructure and Works Committee (the Committee).

The Bill seeks to provide an effective and efficient regulatory regime for major events and major sports facilities that provides social and economic benefits for Queensland, and enable statutory body best practice for Stadiums Queensland to support enhanced governance, accountability and commercial agility.

One of the key amendments in the Bill is to amend the Act to provide for the lawful use of a major sports facility for special events (i.e., concerts) prescribed by regulation (under the Regulation) despite: the *Liquor Act 1992* (the LA) or a licence under the LA as they apply to noise from a special event; and a local law or a licence, permit or other approval under the local law to the extent they apply to noise from the use of a major sports facility for a special event.

The primary objective of this amendment is to remove liquor licensing constraints on concerts held at major sports facilities (that effectively require a finish time of 10:00pm, versus the 10:30pm industry standard) and provide a fit for purpose regulatory regime under the Act to maximise use of, and provide commercial equity across, major sports facilities including for Carrara Stadium, People First Stadium and Robina Stadium, Cbus Super Stadium on the Gold Coast to support concert attraction to the region and remove competitive barriers with Brisbane Stadium / Suncorp Stadium.

On 17 October 2025, the committee tabled *Report No. 13, 58th Parliament - Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025* and the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games has three months to respond to the recommendations. It is anticipated that passage of the Bill will occur in early 2026.

Pending passage of the Bill, it is intended that the sunset review of the Regulation, now due to expire on 31 August 2026, will include consultation on and development of regulatory conditions for the operation of special events at Carrara Stadium and Robina Stadium.