



QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT **COMMITTEES**

**Report on subordinate legislation tabled between 15 October 2025 and
9 December 2025**

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee



Report No. 23

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Overview

This report summarises the committee’s findings following its examination of the subordinate legislation within its portfolio areas tabled between 15 October 2025 and 9 December 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
141	Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025	9 December 2025	23 April 2026
146	Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Notice 2025	9 December 2025	23 April 2026

* 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 *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.

1 SL No. 141 – Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025

The Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulation 2025 (SL No. 141) amends the Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Regulation 2009 to approve proposed amendments to the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth) regarding the Victorian container deposit scheme.⁴

The *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth) provides for the recognition within each Australian state and territory of regulatory standards adopted elsewhere in Australia regarding goods and occupations.

The exemption from the application of the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* (Cth) means that relevant beverage containers sold in Victoria that have been imported from, or produced in, another Australian jurisdiction, must comply with the labelling requirements of the Victorian container deposit scheme.⁵

2 SL No. 146 – Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Notice 2025

The Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) (Victorian Container Deposit Scheme) Notice 2025 (SL No. 146) endorses the proposed regulation to be made by the Governor-General under the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth).

Amongst other things, the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth) provides that goods that may lawfully be sold in New Zealand may be sold in an Australian jurisdiction without complying with further requirements imposed by that Australian jurisdiction.⁶ However, the Commonwealth Act does not affect the operations of laws of an Australian jurisdiction specified in schedule 2 of the Commonwealth Act.⁷

The regulation would permanently exempt certain requirements in Victoria's container deposit laws⁸ from the application of the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth) by inserting a reference to them in schedule 2 of that Act. The exemption would ensure that relevant beverage containers sold in Victoria that were imported from, or produced in, New Zealand would have to comply with the labelling requirements of the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme.⁹

⁴ Victoria's container deposit scheme is a recycling scheme for beverage containers. It is similar to the schemes operating in Queensland and other states and territories. SL No. 141, human rights certificate, p 1.

⁵ SL No. 141, human rights certificate, p 1.

⁶ *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth), pt 2.

⁷ *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997* (Cth), s 45(1).

⁸ That is, the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* (Vic) and the regulations made under that Act.

⁹ SL No. 146, human rights certificate, p 1.



Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly note this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Crandon'.

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