

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development
Name of the proposal	<i>Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation 2025</i>
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011</i>
Date of issue	9 December 2025

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p><i>The Rural and Regional Adjustment Amendment Regulation 2025</i> is a regulatory amendment to amend various schemes of financial assistance delivered by the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA).</p> <p>Section 11 of the <i>Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994</i> requires that financial assistance schemes administered by QRIDA are approved and detailed in regulation. Accordingly, any changes to existing schemes requires regulatory amendment.</p> <p>Each scheme of financial assistance delivered by QRIDA is established in a separate schedule in the <i>Rural and Regional Adjustment Regulation 2011</i>. This regulatory amendment makes the following principal changes to existing schemes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amends the eligible activities in the Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme (Schedule 39) and the Drought Ready and Recovery Finance Loan Scheme (Schedule 40) to include infrastructure upgrades (currently the schemes only allow new infrastructure to be considered eligible).2. Amends the definition of primary production enterprise in the Drought Carry-On Finance Loan Scheme (Schedule 4), the Emergency Drought Assistance Loan Scheme (Schedule 5), the Drought Preparedness Grant Scheme (Schedule 39) and the Drought Ready and Recovery Finance Loan Scheme (Schedule 40) to align with the definition of primary production enterprise used in QRIDA administered Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Schemes.3. Amends the Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme (Schedule 23) and the Rural Landholder Recovery Grants Scheme (Schedule 47) in relation to the National Redress Scheme.4. Extends the closing date for the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Scheme (Schedule 61) to 30 November 2026. <p>The National Redress Scheme is an Australian Government program for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. The Australian Government has made it a requirement that institutions that have declined to participate or are unresponsive to formal request to participate in the National</p>

	<p>Redress Scheme will be ineligible to receive Australian Government grant funding.</p> <p>This requirement applies to all Category C and D grant programs under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) which are co-funded by the Australian Government.</p> <p>QRIDA administers the Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants Scheme (Schedule 23) and Rural Landholder Recovery Grants (Schedule 47) that are Category C/D DRFA grant programs which the Australian Government rules in regards to the National Redress Scheme will apply to.</p> <p>Accordingly, these schemes are to be amended to provide that if an applicant for assistance is an institution named as an institution under the National Redress Scheme and it has declined to join or is unresponsive to requests to join it will be ineligible to apply for assistance under the DRFA program.</p> <p>Information on which institutions have and have not joined the national redress scheme can be found on the website: https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/. It provides a searchable function that allows anyone to search whether an entity has agreed or declined to participate. As at 28 November 2025, only a handful of entities in Queensland have declined to participate or are unresponsive to requests to participate.</p> <p>In conclusion the proposal relates to the administration of schemes of financial assistance under the <i>Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994</i> and is minor and machinery in nature being a routine task of government.</p>
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