Impact Analysis Statement

Details

Lead department	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)
Name of the proposal	Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2026
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Planning Regulation 2017 (Planning Regulation) Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (RPI Regulation)
Date of issue	May 2026

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required	**Amendments to *Planning Regulation 2017*** *Amendments to Prescribed Regions* Amendments are made to Schedule 1 - Regions to: • Amend the list of Local Governments for the Far North Queensland regions to add Etheridge Shire Local Government to support the release of the FNQ Regional Plan 2026. Etheridge Shire is removed from the Gulf Region. • Amend the name of the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Region to the 'Greater Whitsunday Region' to align with expressed stakeholder feedback and support of the future work of the Regional Plan program. These changes are intended to support the State Government's Election Commitment to deliver new regional plans, with supporting infrastructure plans, covering every corner of Queensland to deliver one million homes by 2044. The amendments relate will not increase costs to businesses or the community. No regulatory impact analysis is required under the Better Regulation Policy. **Amendments to the *Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014* (RPI Regulation)** *Removal of Hinchinbrook Island Strategic Environmental Area (SEA)* The RPI Regulation provides statutory support for the State's regional plans. As such, when a change is proposed in an upcoming regional plan, it is appropriate to update the RPI Regulation, where needed, to ensure alignment between these instruments. An amendment removes the Hinchinbrook Island SEA. The entirety of the Hinchinbrook Island SEA is protected as a national park which provides a greater level of protection than an SEA under the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*. These amendments seek to reduce legislative duplication for Hinchinbrook Island.

	In summary, the proposed amendments are deregulatory as they remove the SEA. This removal will not increase costs to businesses or the community. No regulatory impact analysis is required under the Better Regulation Policy.

*Refer to *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

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Director-General

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

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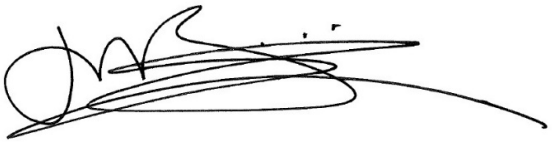

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