

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning
Name of the proposal	Amendment of the State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2020 to insert a new division under Part 4 for Bribie Island Emergency Works
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2020
Date of issue	25 July 2025

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>This proposal is requiring an amendment to subordinate legislation (State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2020) to direct emergency works to be undertaken to repair damage to Bribie Island.</p> <p>The regulation amendment would direct the Coordinator-General to undertake works, critical to quickly stabilising a rapidly deteriorating environment on Bribie Island due to erosion and impacts of significant weather events including two Tropical Cyclones since 2022. Emergency works will reduce impacts to the foreshore including public and private assets, improve water quality to address ecosystem health concerns, and reinstate safe navigation in Pumicestone Passage.</p> <p>This is a task appropriate for undertaking by an entity of the state, where the works are in the public interest and where it is not timely or appropriate for the market to respond to the imminent risk. Funding for the works has been allocated by Government.</p> <p>The proposal uses the existing mechanism for 'works regulations' under the <i>State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971</i>, sections 108 and 109. The proposal will direct the Coordinator-General to undertake the works themselves (rather than nominating another entity to do so).</p> <p>These interim emergency works will be followed by longer-term solutions, planned and led by government. The proposal is minor in nature and does not result in a substantive change to regulatory policy, or increase costs or regulatory burden on business or the community, and therefore no further impact assessment is required under the <i>Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy</i>.</p> <p><u>Context</u></p>

	<p>On 26 June 2025, the Queensland Government affirmed support for rapid deployment of immediate and urgent works to remediate erosion impacts on Bribie Island.</p> <p>The works are needed to commence as soon as possible so that emergency solutions that can be implemented before the next storm season commences (November 2025). This proposal seeks to support the undertaking of the emergency works by streamlining certain regulatory approval pathways.</p> <p>The works to be undertaken by the Coordinator-General are intended to provide a level of resilience to the ecosystem and environmental assets in the face of the storm season, preventing further degradation and protecting property and the safety of individuals, whilst the government to plans for a more comprehensive long-term solution.</p> <p>The general scope of the works is understood. It will encompass works to achieve the outcomes recommended by the <u>Review commissioned by the Queensland Government</u>, undertaken by specialists with international experience in coastal engineering. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closing two recent breakthroughs • strengthening the island segment between earlier breakthroughs • reinstating barriers such as a sandbanks to reduce wave energy entering the Passage • creating and maintaining a temporary navigable channel. <p>The direction by regulation will enliven the entire suite of Coordinator-General powers associated with the undertaking of the works. It will also provide exemptions for requirements for some approvals relevant to the work, chiefly by exemption of the application of the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> to the Coordinator-General (see section 7(1)(a)).</p> <p>The works regulation will not provide total coverage of exemptions or approvals required for the works. The Office of the Coordinator-General will seek to acquire or manage exemptions for other approvals outside of this proposal. This is likely to include requirements for authorities (or exemptions) under the <i>Nature Conservation Act 1994</i>, <i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i> and <i>Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth).</p> <p>These matters are being urgently progressed with the relevant regulators.</p>
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*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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