

Impact Analysis Statement

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP)
Name of the proposal	<i>Planning Amendment Regulation 2025 (Amendment Regulation)</i>
Submission type (Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	<i>Planning Act 2016</i> (Planning Act) and <i>Planning Regulation 2017</i> (Planning Regulation)
Date of issue	November 2025

Proposal type	Details
Regulatory proposal where no RIA is required	<p>Waterway Barrier Works: Removing the requirement for a development application for particular dams, weirs or pumped hydro projects</p> <p>The Department of Primary Industries is progressing a future-focused framework for fish passage in Queensland. One of the key reforms to deliver this framework includes removing the requirement for certain dams, weirs and other water infrastructure to lodge a development application for waterway barrier works.</p> <p>The amendments are proposed to the Planning Regulation to remove the requirement for particular dams, weirs and all pumped hydro projects, to lodge a development application for waterway barrier works. This is considered deregulatory under the Better Regulation Policy. The intent of this amendment is to reduce and streamline assessment processes and enable timely, cost-effective delivery of safety upgrades for eligible infrastructure. Specifically, the amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reduces the number of referrals to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) under the Planning Regulation;• lowers costs associated with undertaking development involving waterway barrier works; and• streamlines the assessment processes, ensuring that proponents can proceed with safety upgrades efficiently. <p>As such a Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) is not required for the proposed change, as the regulation type is deregulatory and does not increase costs or regulatory burden on business or the community.</p>

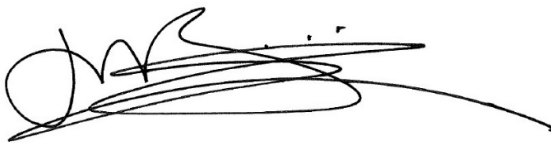
	<p>SEQ Regulatory Provisions: Tourist activities and Sport and Recreation Activities</p> <p>The proposed amendments remove particular assessment benchmarks such as those requiring that an application demonstrate that development can be serviced by infrastructure, including transport infrastructure, and is consistent with the physical characteristics of the premises.</p> <p>Through practice, stakeholders have raised a range of concerns with these assessment benchmarks including that they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce flexibility in assessment • are unreasonably challenging to meet, and • duplicate local government assessment. <p>To address this, the proposed amendments to the Planning Regulation seek to remove particular assessment benchmarks. The amendment will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove duplicative assessment benchmarks for applications for tourist activities and sport and recreation activities; • remove overly restrictive benchmarks, making it easier for applications to be made while maintaining suitable assessment requirements; and • streamline assessment processes by Local and State Government. <p>The removal of these provisions is considered deregulatory under the Better Regulation Policy, as it streamlines development processes and reduces regulatory burden without increasing assessment requirements. Therefore, a Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) is not required.</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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