

Cheaper Power (Supplementary Appropriation) Bill 2024

Statement of Compatibility

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Cheaper Power (Supplementary Appropriation) Bill 2024 (the Bill).

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Bill

Supplementary Appropriation

Section 35 of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* provides that, should expenditure from the Consolidated Fund exceed the amount approved by annual appropriation, Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, may authorise the expenditure. This is known as unforeseen expenditure and must be approved by the Governor in Council within four weeks of the end of the financial year. Unforeseen expenditure must also be formally approved by Parliament via an Appropriation Bill.

On 2 May 2024, the Governor in Council authorised additional unforeseen expenditure incurred during the 2023-24 financial year. Parliamentary approval for unforeseen expenditure of \$2.267 billion is now being sought.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The proposed Bill seeks Parliamentary approval for additional unforeseen expenditure in 2023-24. As the Bill only applies to internal Government bodies, it in no way limits the human rights of an individual.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* as it does not limit an individual's human rights.

THE HONOURABLE CAMERON DICK MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
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