

Home Ownership and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026

Statement of Compatibility

FOR

Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Honourable David Janetzki MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership

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

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, David Janetzki MP, Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership make this statement of compatibility with respect to the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of the Home Ownership and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2026 (the Bill).

In my opinion, the amendments are 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

The amendments to be moved during consideration in detail enhance Queensland's competitive neutrality (CN) regime by amending the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act) to: broaden the basis for CN complaints; bring GOC subsidiaries automatically under the CN regime; and broaden the scope for the Minister to issue a guideline in relation to the operation of the CN regime. These changes ensure the CN regime remains fit-for-purpose to promote effective competition, leading to better resource allocation and a stronger economy.

Separately, the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail make minor administrative amendments to the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, *City of Brisbane Act 2010*, *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Competition Policy Reform (Queensland) Act 1996* to update references to superseded intergovernmental agreements.

Human Rights Issues

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

The amendments to the QCA Act will impact the QCA, government agencies that carry on significant business activities and will potentially impact competitors to those agencies in the conduct of their business activities.

Section 11 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* provides that only individuals have human rights and notes a corporation does not have human rights. To the extent the amendments impact public and private sector businesses in the form of corporations no human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* will be limited by the amendments.

To the extent private sector businesses are conducted by sole traders who are individuals, no human rights of these individuals are limited by the amendments. To the extent these individual's human rights are relevant, the amendments may enhance these human rights, as the amendments broaden the scope of issues for which private competitors to government businesses can raise a CN complaint, the right to take part in public life and the right to freedom of expression under the *Human Rights Act 2019* may be enhanced for operators of those businesses. Otherwise, no human rights are relevant, and no human rights will be limited by the amendments.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* as they do not limit any individual's human rights under the Act.

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