

Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020

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 Hon. Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020.

In my opinion, the Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020 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

The current COVID-19 crisis is causing unprecedented economic and fiscal challenges all over the world. It is affecting governments, industry, business, households and individuals.

To protect jobs and safeguard our economy, the Government has announced a COVID-19 relief package. Given the quantum of the additional expenditure required, the Government has sought legislative approval for this funding now, rather than including it as unforeseen expenditure.

The Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill will increase the appropriation for Treasury Department for 2019-20 and increase interim supply for 2020-21.

The Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill provides transparency around additional funding required by the Government as part of the COVID-19 response.

Human Rights Issues

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

The Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020 is considered essential for passage to provide additional supply to ensure the Government can meet its COVID-19 related commitments.

As the Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020 will only apply 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 they do not limit an individual's human rights.

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