

Proposed consequential amendment of the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014

Fact sheet



Background

The Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (RPI Regulation) supports the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act) by identifying mapped Strategic Environmental Areas (SEAs), relevant assessment criteria and definitions for these areas.

The RPI Regulation currently includes information about the North Queensland SEA mapped in the North Queensland Regional Plan 2020.

The North Queensland Regional Plan 2020 is being reviewed. A draft North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 has been released for public consultation under section 10 of the *Planning Act 2016*.

The draft North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan 2026 does not map an SEA for the North Queensland region.

Proposed amendment

The proposed amendment of the RPI Regulation is to remove references to the North Queensland SEA, subject to the finalisation and making of a new North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan. The amendment will remove the following sections:

- i. Schedule 2, section 15 Prescribed solution – (2) The following are unacceptable uses for a designated precinct in a strategic environmental area—

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- (b) – if the designated precinct is in the North Queensland strategic environmental area—a resource activity;
- ii. Schedule 2, section 15 Prescribed solution – (3) – In this section—
 - **North Queensland strategic environmental area** means the area that is shown on a map as a strategic environmental area in the regional plan for the region prescribed under the *Planning Regulation 2017*, schedule 1 as the North Queensland region.

Timing of amendment

The amendment would commence at the same time as a new North Queensland Regional Plan and Infrastructure Plan.

Effect of amendment

The amendment would remove the North Queensland SEA as an area of regional interest under the RPI Act.