

# Impact Analysis Statement

A Summary Impact Analysis Statement (IAS) must be completed for all regulatory proposals. A Full IAS must also be completed and attached for proposals that have significant impacts. Once completed, the IAS must be published.

## Summary IAS

### Details

**Lead department** Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW)

**Name of proposal** Water Plan (Boyne River Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2024

**Submission type** Summary IAS

**Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument**

Water Plan (Boyne River Basin) (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2024

**Date of issue** 20 August 2024

### Proposal type

#### Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required

The Water Plan (Boyne River Basin) 2013 was due to expire on 1 September 2024. A Postponement of Expiry Notice has extended the expiry date to 1 December 2026.

The Water Plan (Boyne River Basin) 2013 (the Boyne River Basin water plan) is subordinate legislation to the *Water Act 2000* (the Water Act) established under sections 42 and 47 of the Water Act and was scheduled to expire 1 September 2024. A significant work program is required to develop and replace the existing water plan and the replacement process typically takes approximately 3 years.

The review of this water plan is part of a proposal is being considered to prepare a new Central Queensland water plan (CQ water plan) under section 42 of the Water Act to replace the Boyne River Basin water plan, along with Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011, Water Plan (Calliope River Basin) 2006 and to include the coastal areas of Styx, Waterpark and Shoalwater basins.

Extending the expiry of the Boyne River Basin water plan will maintain the short-term sustainable management of the region's water resources. This will provide adequate time to complete technical assessments and consultation to develop the replacement water plan.

If the expiry of the water plan was not postponed, it would result in the existing water plan provisions no longer having affect after 1 September 2024. Water management arrangements would revert to provisions of the Water Act. This would likely have a significant impact on social, cultural, economic and environmental values which rely on the water plan framework for the sustainable management of water resources in the water plan area.

Therefore, a Postponement of Expiry notice (POE notice) for the water plan, in accordance with section 55 of the Water Act, is required to prevent cessation of the existing water plan provisions, align with CQRWA timeframes, and enable sufficient time to undertake technical assessments and further public consultation to develop the replacement water plan/s.

This notice was published in the General Gazette on 23 August 2024.

Postponing the expiry date of the Boyne River Basin water plan is an amendment that does not increase costs or the regulatory burden on business or the community and is not subject to Regulatory Impact Analysis under The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy (2023).

Signed



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