

QUEENSLAND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ACT 2015

Section 43

MINISTER'S DIRECTION NOTICE

In my capacity as the responsible Minister, pursuant to section 43 of the *Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2015*, I hereby direct the Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) to review and report on the adequacy of Southern Downs Regional Council's application to 'opt in' to the provisions in the Queensland Development Code Part 4.2 (Rainwater tanks and other supplementary water supply systems) and Part 4.3 (Supplementary water sources – commercial buildings), and the cost-benefit analysis supporting the application.

1. Matters to be considered

The Queensland Government has approved that Local Governments are able to adopt similar standards to those provided for in relevant parts of the Queensland Development Code. However, pursuant to the *Building Act 1975*, the Queensland Government will only approve this approach if the Local Government can clearly demonstrate that there is a net benefit to the affected community from doing so.

The QPC should examine the robustness of Southern Downs Regional Council's application and supporting cost-benefit analysis, including (but not limited to) the appropriateness of the methodology and assumptions adopted.

In particular, the QPC is required to provide advice on:

- the merits of the application and supporting analysis, including any conclusions drawn regarding the potential net benefits of the proposal to 'opt in' to the relevant provisions of the Queensland Development Code;
- the extent to which the analysis sufficiently considers and estimates all key relevant impacts on affected stakeholders; and
- whether the supporting analysis is considered adequate to inform a final Government decision on the Council's application. If the supporting analysis is considered inadequate, the QPC should indicate, to the extent possible, what further information or analysis should be provided by Southern Downs Regional Council to enable a final decision to be made by Government on the merits of the application.

2. Consultation

The QPC is not required to undertake formal public consultation as part of this review, however it may consult and seek additional information it considers necessary. The QPC should consider relevant submissions made by stakeholders to the Southern Downs Regional Council and to the Department of Housing and Public Works.

3. Timing

The QPC should provide a final report to me as Minister responsible for the QPC and the Minister for Housing and Public Works within five weeks of the date of this direction.



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