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 Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGWV)

Name of proposal

Postponement of expiry for multiple water plans

Submission type

Summary IAS

Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument

Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) 2002 (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) 2007 (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011 (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

Water Plan (Calliope River Basin) 2006 (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

Water Plan (Boyne River Basin) 2013 (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

Water Resource (Whitsunday) Plan 2010 (Postponement of Expiry) Notice 2025

Date of issue
30 September 2025

Proposal type

Regulatory proposals where no Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is required

The Pioneer Valley, Burdekin Basin, Fitzroy Basin, Calliope River Basin, Boyne River Basin, and Whitsunday water plans will all expire by December 2026 and are all under review to be replaced. A Postponement of Expiry Notice, made under section 55 of the *Water Act 2000* (the Water Act), has extended the expiry date to allow for enough time to review each plan. Each water plan is subordinate legislation under the *Water Act 2000*.

Water Plan	Water Plan Expiry Date	Extended Expiry Date
Water Plan (Pioneer Valley) 2002	30 September 2025	30 April 2027
Water Plan (Burdekin Basin) 2007	01 September 2026	31 March 2028
Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) 2011	30 August 2025	30 June 2028
Water Plan (Calliope River Basin) 2006	14 December 2026	30 June 2028
Water Plan (Boyne River Basin) 2013	01 December 2026	30 June 2028
Water Resource (Whitsunday) Plan 2010	30 September 2025	30 September 2028

The extension of each water plan will maintain the short-term sustainable management arrangements for each region's water resources. It will provide adequate time to complete the public consultation and technical assessments required to develop the replacement water plans.

If the expiry of each water plan was not postponed, it would result in the existing water plan provisions no longer having effect after each plan expires. 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.

Postponing the expiry date of the Pioneer Valley, Burdekin Basin, Fitzroy Basin, Calliope River Basin, Boyne River Basin, and Whitsunday water plans 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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Date: 30.09.25

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Date: 30 09 25.