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

Barron Water Management Protocol amendment 2026

Submission type

Summary IAS

Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument

Barron Water Management Protocol 12 November 2026

Date of issue

12/11/2026

Proposal type

Minor and machinery in nature

The Water Plan (Barron) 2023 (the water plan) is subordinate legislation to the *Water Act 2000* (the Act). The Barron water management protocol (the protocol) is an implementation document prepared under the Act and the water plan. The protocol sets the streamflow triggers for changing daily water take volumes under a water allocation.

The protocol currently references gauging station "110022A" in Tables 4 and 5. Following damage to the station infrastructure, the station was replaced and relocated approximately 700 metres upstream and assigned the new site number "110022B". The amendment updates references in the protocol from "110022A" to "110022B" to reflect the replacement of the gauging station. The relocation does not alter the existing streamflow triggers or water sharing arrangements.

Under section 69 of the Act the chief executive may amend a water management protocol provided the amendment remains consistent with the water plan outcomes and objectives. The amendment is administrative in nature and does not change the operation of the protocol, water entitlement conditions, access to water, or obligations on water users. Consultation with affected parties was not required because the amendment does not alter the streamflow triggers or their application.

Based on this assessment, the amendment does not impose additional costs, regulatory requirements or compliance obligations on businesses, government or the community. The amendment is machinery and minor in nature and is not subject to regulatory impact analysis under the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy (2023).

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