

# Impact Analysis Statement template

A Summary Impact Analysis Statement (IAS) must be completed for all regulatory proposals. A Full IAS (see Box 1) must also be completed and attached for proposals that have significant impacts. Once completed, the IAS must be published.

## Summary IAS

### Details

<b>Lead department</b>	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
<b>Name of the proposal</b>	Rural and Regional (Variation of Resilient Homes Assistance Scheme) Adjustment Regulation 2023
<b>Submission type</b> <i>(Summary IAS / Consultation IAS / Decision IAS)</i>	Summary IAS
<b>Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument</b>	Rural and Regional Adjustment 2011
<b>Date</b>	November 2023

### *For proposals noted in table below*

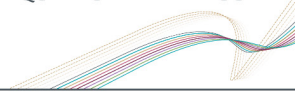
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Proposal type	Details
<b>Regulatory proposals where no RIA is required</b>	<i>The proposal relates to regulatory proposals that do not increase costs or regulatory burden on business or the community. No regulatory impact analysis is required under the Better Regulation Policy.</i>

\*Refer to *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).

### *For all other proposals*

<b>What is the nature, size and scope of the problem? What are the objectives of government action?</b>
<p>Since program commencement, the Resilient Housing Fund (RHF) has worked with key stakeholders to review and refine policy settings and processes to increase the support to homeowners through the RHF.</p> <p>The Resilient Homes Fund Program Board (the Board) has identified that the number of actual participants in the Scheme is less than anticipated. The combined retrofit and home raise program budget has the capacity to deliver additional home raises, which some applicants have advised is their preference over retrofitting. On 23 May 2023, the Board approved expanding the criteria for eligible home raising to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing capped funding options for 'home raising', 'demolition and replacement' and 'relocation' works to homeowners whose existing habitable floor level is below the assessed flood level, or, the 2022 flood level.</li> <li>• Providing capped funding options for 'home raising', 'demolition and replacement' and 'relocation' works to homeowners whose enclosed part of their home is below the assessed flood level, or, the 2022 flood level.</li> </ul>



Other minor operational issues were noted with the existing scheme, such as the requirement to rebuild homes above a flood hazard level – this caused some confusion about eligibility as some homes did not have a flood hazard level allocated by their local government.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to expand the criteria for home raising to further increase the flood resilience of Queensland homes and address operational issues that have been noted on review.

It is also proposed to amend the Regulation to clarify provisions and definitions to ensure the objective of the Regulation allowing communities impacted by recent flooding events, recover quickly and to become more resilient to future flooding. Proposed amendments include:

- changes to include design works to be considered as eligible works for home raising.
- allowing a homeowner to receive funding for only demolition works on the condition that a new home has already been built which has a habitable floor level that is above the flood hazard level or flood event level that applied to the home
- allowing multiple applications by a homeowner under a single scheme to allow works to be undertaken in stages.

#### What options were considered?

Consideration was given to making no amendment to the existing scheme, however this would not address the perceived issues with attracting participation, nor the operational issues noted.

Additionally, as the scheme is currently administered by the QRIDA, the operation of the scheme can only be managed and amended by regulatory amendment.

#### What are the impacts?

The anticipated impact of the proposal is greater flexibility for participants in the applications for approved funds, and an increased opportunity to participate in the scheme.

No negative impacts are anticipated, as participation in the scheme is optional, and the amendments do not increase regulatory or administrative burden on the participants, as there is no anticipated amendment to the amount or kind of paperwork involved in making an application.

#### Who was consulted?

Participants to the scheme and homeowners were invited to provide feedback on the operation of the scheme.

QRIDA was consulted on the administration of the Scheme.

#### What is the recommended option and why?

The recommended option is to support the amendment to the Resilient Homes Assistance Scheme, to enable QRIDA to facilitate continued delivery of assistance to eligible homeowners as well as addressing feedback from stakeholders on existing operational issues.

## Signed

Director-General

Date: 23-11-23

Minister

Date: 27/11/2023