



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Public Service Act 1999

Order to Rename the North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency and Head of Agency, Identify the Minister Responsible and Specify Functions for the Renamed National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and under section 65 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, amend the Order to establish the North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency as an Executive Agency made on 21 February 2019 and amended on 28 March 2019, by omitting paragraphs (b) to (e) of that Order and substituting the following paragraphs:

- (b) allocate the name National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency to the Executive Agency;
- (c) allocate the name Coordinator-General to the Head of the Executive Agency;
- (d) identify the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management as the Minister responsible for the Executive Agency;
- (e) specify the functions of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency be as follows:

North Queensland Flood Recovery and Response

- i. to provide strategic leadership and coordination for the Commonwealth's recovery and reconstruction activities in areas of North, Far North and Western Queensland affected by the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough (25 January – 14 February 2019);
- ii. to administer the Commonwealth loan scheme to provide assistance to eligible primary producers by way of loans to Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions at the Government's cost of borrowing;
- iii. to design, develop, consult on and coordinate the delivery of a long-term plan for the recovery and reconstruction of these areas;
- iv. to build and maintain effective working relationship with stakeholders in these areas to inform recovery and reconstruction priorities;
- v. to provide advice to the Minister on how existing and new Commonwealth policies and programs can best contribute to the recovery and reconstruction efforts in these areas;
- vi. to provide a coordination point for information on associated Commonwealth recovery and reconstruction activities;

Drought

- vii. to provide whole-of-government leadership, strategic policy advice and coordination of the Commonwealth's drought response, recovery and preparation activities;
- viii. to assist relevant portfolio ministers and agencies to develop and assess drought response policies and programs, including through Cabinet processes;

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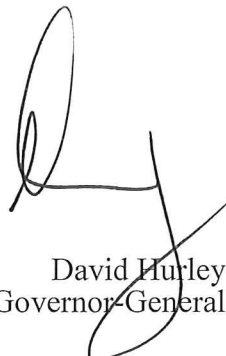
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General

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Dated *5th December* December 2019



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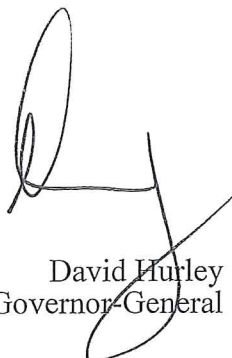
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