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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT
Wildlife (Game) (Specified Hunting Area)
Regulations 1998

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Wildlife (Game) (Specified Hunting Area) Regulations 1998.

The objective to be achieved by the proposed regulations is to improve public safety during duck open seasons by:

- (a) declaring specified hunting areas; and
- (b) specifying the times during which entry onto a specified hunting area or remaining in a specified hunting area is prohibited.

The reason for the proposed regulations is to amend the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 1990 by prescribing specified hunting areas and times when entry into or remaining in a specified hunting area is prohibited for the purposes of section 58C of the **Wildlife Act 1975**. Section 58C will be inserted into the **Wildlife Act 1975** on or about 5 February 1998 when section 20 of the **Wildlife (Amendment) Act 1997** is expected to be proclaimed.

The RIS examined two alternatives to the proposed Wildlife (Game) (Specified Hunting Area) Regulations 1998:

- (a) declaring all wetlands where duck hunting takes place to be specified hunting areas;
- (b) increasing the times that the restrictions on entry apply from the opening weekend to the whole of the season.

The RIS demonstrates that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the objective by declaring only the minimum number of wetlands and the minimum times necessary to ensure public safety during duck open season.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the

Information Centre, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, 3002 (phone 9637 8080) between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, or from Mr Scott Lawrence (tel: 9412 4370) of the Fauna and Flora Utilisation Program, Level 4, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, 3002.

Public comments or submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS are invited. All comments or submissions must be in writing and must be received at the Fauna and Flora Utilisation Program, (Attention Mr S Lawrence), Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Level 4, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, 3002 or at scott.lawrence@nre.vic.gov.au by no later than 5:30 pm on Monday 16 February 1998.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

MARIE TEHAN
Minister for Conservation and
Land Management

BARWON WATER
By-Law No. 177

By-Law for restricting the use of water in the water supply district of the Barwon Region Water Authority

Notice is hereby given that the above By-Law received ministerial approval on 16 January 1998.

The By-Law regulates the use by the community of water from the Barwon Region Water Authority's reticulated water supply system during periods of water shortage.

This By-Law shall be substituted for By-Law No. 175.

A copy of By-Law No. 177 is open for inspection free of charge at Barwon Water's office situated at 61-67 Ryrrie Street, Geelong during normal office hours 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

By Order

R.A. JORDAN
Secretary

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