



Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PLUMBING REGULATIONS 1998

Regulatory Impact Statement

The Minister for Planning and Local Government, the Honourable Robert Maclellan, has approved the publication of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Plumbing Regulations 1998 (the proposed regulations) under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

Sections 221ZZZV and 262 of the **Building Act 1993** authorises the making of the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations revoke and replace the Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainers Registration Board Regulations 1988 due to expire on 29 November 1998.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to define "plumbing work" pursuant to section 221C of the **Building Act 1993**, prescribe the classes of plumbing work and specialised plumbing work for the purposes of licensing and registration, prescribe the minimum qualifications and experience for the competencies required to be licensed or registered as a plumber, provide standards relating to plumbing work carried out on stormwater installation and mechanical services, prescribe fees to be paid in respect of licenses, registrations and examinations and the requirements to show identification and return identification licenses and registrations. The proposed regulations are necessary to give effect to the requirements under Part 12A of the **Building Act 1993**.

The RIS contains an assessment of the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and examines other alternatives. The RIS concludes that the over-all benefits to the community of the proposed regulations outweigh the associated costs.

Comments and submissions are invited from the public and will be received up to 28 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations are available from, and submissions should be lodged with, Mr Ken Dare, Legal Officer, Plumbing Industry Board, 450 Burke Road, Camberwell, Vic. 3124, telephone: (03) 9889 2211, fax: (03) 9889 2244.

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Minister for Planning and Local Government

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