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REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Freedom of Information Regulations 1998

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Freedom of Information Regulations 1998. The impact statement is divided into two parts.

The first part deals with provisions which prescribe certain government bodies to be subject to the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** (the FOI Act), in addition to those already subject to it. The Regulations will update the list of bodies in the existing Freedom of Information (Prescribed Authorities) Regulations 1993.

The second part deals with provisions which exempt from the FOI Act a small number of statutory office-holders who have a special independence conferred on them by the Parliament. The exemption of these office-holders will ensure that the independence and integrity of their statutory offices is maintained in the public interest.

The impact statement assesses the effects of the provisions and looks at alternatives. The statement concludes that the proposed Regulations offer the best option by extending as far as possible the community's access to information under FOI, while ensuring that essential public interests are protected.

Public comments and submissions on the Regulatory Impact Statement are invited. Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement may be obtained by telephoning Ms Diane Bunnett on (03) 9651 0514.

Written submissions on the Regulatory Impact Statement and the accompanying draft regulations will be received up to 28 days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Submissions should be addressed to: Ms Diane Bunnett, Executive Services Branch, Department of Justice, Level 1/55 St Andrews Place, Melbourne 3002.

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