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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** **PROPOSED ASSOCIATIONS** **INCORPORATION REGULATIONS 1998**

The activities of incorporated associations are regulated by the **Associations Incorporation Act 1981** ("the Act") which is administered by the Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs. Under the Act, groups can become incorporated as incorporated associations, providing members with, among other things, the benefits of limited liability. A number of amendments to the Act commence operation on 1 July 1998 and it is for this reason that new Regulations are required.

The objective of the Regulations is to facilitate the more effective operation and administration of the Act. This is achieved by providing for:-

- (a) enhanced accounting requirements for "prescribed associations";
- (b) forms to be used by incorporated associations in order to comply with the requirements of the Act;
- (c) model rules for incorporated associations to adopt;
- (d) maximum fines which can be imposed by an incorporated association on its members; and
- (e) other matters that are necessary or convenient for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Regulations. It considers a draft of the proposed Regulations and alternatives to them. It concludes that the objectives of the legislative scheme are best met by the current form of the proposed Regulations.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations are available from the Legislation Branch, Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs (telephone 9627 6236). Written submissions are invited and must be addressed to the Director, Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs, 3rd Floor, 452 Flinders Street, Melbourne 3000. Submissions must be received at this address no later than 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 19 June 1998.

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