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MARINE REGULATIONS 1999

In accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, notice is given of the availability for public comment of the proposed Marine Regulations 1999 and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

Section 105 of the **Marine Act 1988** authorises the making of the proposed regulations, which are new regulations.

The objective of the proposed regulations is to prescribe a range of matters relating to the safe operation of vessels and to give effect to relevant provisions of certain international safety conventions. The proposed regulations are substantially a re-make of the current regulations and are intended to provide interim coverage pending the completion of a full review of the Victorian marine legislative scheme and implementation of a new, modern act and regulations.

The proposed regulations differ from the existing regulations in that they consolidate four sets of regulations into one and reorder, remove or redraft a range of provisions to improve clarity, consistency and enforceability. Some new provisions have also been included to provide for safer operation of passenger carrying vessels in the vicinity of Port Phillip Heads and the Lakes Entrance Bar and fees have been adjusted to better reflect costs.

The RIS has been prepared in consultation with the Marine Board of Victoria. It identifies the likely impact of the proposed regulations, assesses their costs and benefits and considers alternative methods of achieving the identified objectives. The RIS concludes that the overall benefits to the community outweigh the costs by the proposed regulations.

Public submissions on the proposed regulations and the RIS are invited. Copies of the RIS which includes the proposed regulations, are available from Maxine Loynd at the Marine Board of Victoria, Level 11, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000, telephone (03) 9655 9795 or facsimile (03) 9655 6611.

The RIS is also available via the Marine Board's internet address www.marineboard.vic.gov.au.

Written submissions in response to the RIS will be received until close of business on Monday 13 December 1999 by the General Manager, Corporate Resources, Marine Board of Victoria, Level 11, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000, P.O. Box 2797Y, Melbourne, Vic. 3001 or by email to marine.board@doi.vic.gov.au.

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