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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Fisheries (Abalone) Regulations 1999

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Fisheries (Abalone) Regulations 1999.

The reasons for, and objective of, the proposed Regulations is to amend the Fisheries Regulations 1998 to provide for continued sustainable use, protection and good management of Victoria's wild and farmed abalone resources within a management framework that enables effective use of compliance resources.

Proposed regulatory changes introduce closed seasons for recreational abalone fishers of abalone (other than greenlip) and greenlip abalone in the intertidal zone between Breamlea and Venus Bay and for the area outside of this zone, reduced bag limits, new possession limits, other controls on the recreational taking of abalone and other minor amendments.

The RIS provides some possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations including a code of practice, closure of the abalone fishery to non-commercial users, recreational tagging of abalone, removal of minimum legal lengths, alternative audit requirements for farmed abalone sales, increased enforcement and public education. Whilst some of the alternatives could clearly achieve the objective of these regulations, it would be at a higher cost. The benefits of the proposed Regulations are therefore considered to outweigh the alternatives as described in the RIS.

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. Telephone (03) 9637 8080 between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. or on the Internet at http://www.nre.gov.au.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. All comments must

be in writing and must be sent to Ms Serena Scopel, Fisheries Policy Officer, Level 15, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne 3002 by no later than 5.00 p.m., Monday 12 July 1999.

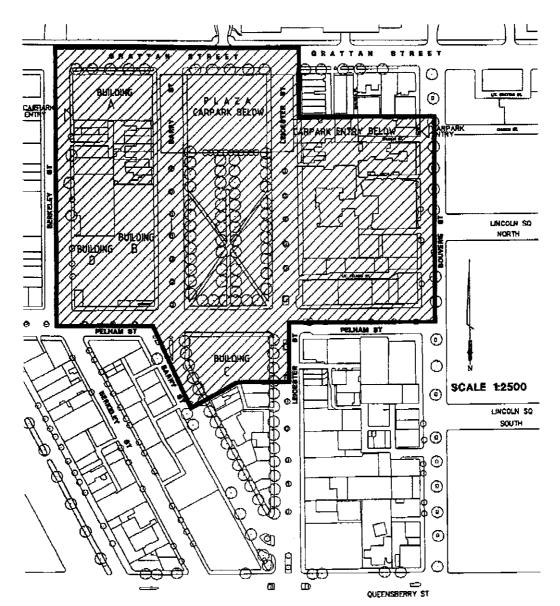
Dated 11 June 1999

PATRICK McNAMARA Minister for Agriculture and Resources

Planning and Environment Act 1987 DECLARATION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF STATE SIGNIFICANCE

I, Robert Maclellan, the Minister for Planning and Local Government, hereby declare pursuant to Section 201F of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**, that the Melbourne University Square Campus project, Carlton, as shown hatched on the accompanying plan is a proposed development of State Significance. The project allows the use of the land for the purpose of Education centre, Residential hotel, Dwellings, Shop, Food and drink premises and Car park and ancillary uses as generally described in the Incorporated Document named 'University of Melbourne, University Square Campus, Carlton', in the schedule to Clause 81 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

This declaration of a proposed development project of State Significance comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Government Gazette.



Dated 10 June 1999.

ROBERT MACLELLAN Minister for Planning and Local Government Victoria Government Gazette

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