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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT Wildlife (Game) (Amendment) Regulations 2000

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Wildlife (Game) (Amendment) Regulations 2000.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- reduce or eliminate contamination of wetlands and waterways by spent lead shot used for the hunting of game ducks;
- reduce the exposure of a range of wildlife to lead poisoning; and,
- introduce a prohibition on the use of lead shot for duck hunting in a way that will allow hunters and the manufacturing and retail sector adequate time to make a successful transition to the use of non-toxic alternatives.

These regulations will protect the long-term conservation of Victoria's game species and other wildlife and will reduce the deposition of a toxic substance (lead) into the environment.

The RIS discusses two possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations: phasing-out the use of lead shot for duck hunting over a two-year period; and, introducing mandatory use of non-toxic shot on wetlands where there is demonstrated evidence of lead poisoning. The proposed regulations were considered the best means of achieving the objective as they introduce non-toxic shot in a manner which will allow a more successful transition to non-toxic shot than the first alternative and are less expensive, time consuming and more effective than the second.

The proposed regulations will phase-out the use of lead shot for duck hunting in Victoria over a three-year period resulting in a total prohibition on its use. The phase-out will be implemented according to the following:

- Year 2000: lead shot prohibited for use on all State Game Reserves  
Year 2001: lead shot prohibited for use on all public lands  
Year 2002: lead shot prohibited for use on all lands

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on 9412 4370 between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays or collected from the NRE Information Centre, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, 3002, telephone (03) 9637 8080 between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm weekdays. The RIS is also available on the internet at <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au> under recreation and tourism, hunting.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and must be received at the following address by no later than 5 pm on 1 February 2000:

Mr Scott Lawrence  
Department of Natural Resources and Environment  
Level 4, 250 Victoria Parade  
East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

SHERRYL GARBUTT MP  
Minister for Environment and Conservation

**Planning and Environment Act 1987**  
**MORELAND PLANNING SCHEME**  
Notice of Approval of Amendment  
Amendment L71

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment L71 to the Moreland Planning Scheme.

The amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

The Amendment extends the expiry date in clauses 133-3, 137-3.1A, 137A-3.1.2, 138-1.2, 138A-3.2 from 31 December 1999 to 20 April 2000.

A copy of the amendment can be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at the Department of Infrastructure, Customer Service Centre, Upper Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne and at the offices of the Moreland City Council, 90 Bell Street, Coburg.

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