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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Health (Legionella) Regulations 2001

Notice is given as required by Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Health (Legionella) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the regulations, proposed to be made under the **Health Act 1958**, are to –

- (a) prescribe procedures for the maintenance and testing of cooling tower systems and warm water systems; and
- (b) require owners and persons who have the management or control of cooling tower systems and warm water systems to keep records on the maintenance and testing of those systems and to make those records available for inspection by an authorised officer on request; and
- (c) enable the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to –
 - (i) substitute different procedures in different circumstances; and
 - (ii) require additional procedures to be undertaken when a system is suspected or implicated in the spread of the prescribed infectious disease, legionellosis.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The statement examines the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and possible alternatives. The results of the statement are that the proposed regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objectives.

The Department of Human Services is engaging in a broad consultation process for the Regulatory Impact Statement. In addition to the statutory advertising requirements, the Department has circulated the Regulatory Impact Statement for comment to over 2500 stakeholders and will be conducting five public consultation forums.

The forums will include representatives of the Department of Human Services, Building Control Commission and Plumbing Industry Commission, and provide overviews of the Government's Legionella risk management

package, this Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Health (Legionella) Regulations 2001.

The public consultation forums will be held as follows –

Monday 11 December 2000 – 1.30 to 4.00 p.m., Senior Citizens Hall, Welsford Street, Shepparton. (RSVP 8 December);

Wednesday 13 December 2000 – 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, Dandenong Town Hall, Main Hall, 226 – 228 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong. (RSVP 11 December);

Thursday 14 December 2000 – 1.30 to 4.00 p.m., Altona Civic Receptions, Hall 1, 115 Civic Parade, Altona. (RSVP 12 December);

Friday 15 December 2000 – 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., Cooyinda Centre, 10 Learmonth Road, Wendouree. (RSVP 13 December);

Monday 18 December 2000 – 1.30 to 4.00 p.m., Armadale Reception Centre, 63 Desailly Street, Sale. (RSVP 14 December).

Written submissions in connection with the Regulatory Impact Statement are invited from any interested industry or community group and from the public in relation to any matter relevant to the proposed regulations.

A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations, is available from, and submissions should be lodged with: Manager, Environmental Health Unit, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services, Level 17, 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Telephone: 1800 248 898. Fax: (03) 9637 4507.

The Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations may also be viewed and downloaded at the Legionella Risk Management Project Website at www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd and submissions may be forwarded by email to lrmp@dhs.vic.gov.au.

Submissions will be received at any time between the publication of this notice and 22 January 2001.

NOTE: All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

Hon JOHN THWAITES MP
Minister for Health

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Plumbing (Cooling Towers) Regulations 2001

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Plumbing (Cooling Towers) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to provide for mechanical services work on all cooling towers to be carried out by licensed and registered persons with the Plumbing Industry Commission and to set minimum standards, namely Parts 1, 2 and 3 of AS/NZS 3666 published by Standards Australia International Ltd, for the carrying out of mechanical services work on cooling towers.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The reasons for the proposed regulations are to reduce the risk and incidence of Legionnaires' disease by reducing or preventing the growth of the harmful *Legionella* bacteria in cooling towers and reducing the spray drift from the cooling towers. The Regulatory Impact Statement examines the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and the possible alternatives and concludes that, as part of the Government's legislative framework, the proposed regulations provide the most effective means of achieving the objectives by requiring mechanical services work on cooling towers to be carried out by competent persons complying with minimum standards.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations can be obtained from the Plumbing Industry Commission offices, 450 Burke Road, Camberwell 3124, by contacting Ken Dare on (03) 9889 2211 or by downloading from the internet site www.pic.vic.gov.au.

Public comments are invited on the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations and written submissions will be received at the Plumbing Industry Commission offices at the above address up to 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTE: All submissions will be treated as public documents.

JOHN THWAITES
Minister for Planning

Dangerous Goods Act 1985

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF DANGEROUS GOODS

I, Bob Cameron, Minister for WorkCover, acting under section 56 of the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985** approve the Code of Practice for the Storage and Handling of Dangerous Goods (C.O.P. No. 27) and give notice that it will come into operation on the day on which this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

Dated 8 December 2000

BOB CAMERON
Minister for WorkCover

Planning and Environment Act 1987

MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C37

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C37 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

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

The Amendment changes Map 6 of the Melbourne Planning Scheme, by rezoning Brookes Gillespie House, Royal Women's Hospital, 740 Swanston Street, Carlton from Public Use Zone 3 (Health and Community) to a Mixed Use Zone.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at the Department of Infrastructure, Planning Information Centre, Upper Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne and at the offices of the Melbourne City Council, 6th Floor, Council House, 200 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.

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