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Electricity Industry Act 1993

DIRECTION

Pursuant to section 47C of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** (“the Act”) I, Steve Bracks, being the Minister responsible for the Act, hereby direct all persons in the State of Victoria, to restrict their use of electricity in accordance with Attachment 1 to this Direction from 1pm until 7pm (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on each of the following days:

- Friday 4 February 2000;
- Monday 7 February 2000;
- Tuesday 8 February 2000; and
- Wednesday 9 February 2000.

Dated this 4th day of February 2000

STEVE BRACKS
Treasurer

ATTACHMENT 1
ELECTRICITY RESTRICTIONS
(Level 1)

The restrictions apply to all premises (other than schools) located in Victoria and all private and public sector organisations, save for the exemptions listed below. The restrictions do not apply to electricity consumers who use and operate their own generating plant in isolation from Victoria's electricity system.

HOUSEHOLDERS

Electricity MAY NOT be used for the following:

- Clothes drying
- Cooling / air conditioning
- Dishwashing machines
- Electric tools
- Electronic musical equipment
- Hobby appliances and games
- Personal computers
- Swimming pool filters or heaters
- Video recorders or playback units

The ABSOLUTE MINIMUM use of electricity is permitted for the following:

- Cooking
- Heating / space heating: one room only
- Hot water services
- Lighting: interior – in no more than three rooms at any time; exterior – for safety and security only
- Medical appliances and machines
- Radios: one only at any time
- Refrigerators and freezers
- Security systems
- Television sets: one only at any time
- Washing machines

BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND OTHER PREMISES

Electricity MAY NOT be used for the following:

- Air conditioners: for cooling or heating of premises. However, ventilation fans may be operated for the safety of people or animals
- Decorative lighting: for external and internal signs, displays, etc. in all premises
- Heating of premises: all heating including space heaters and radiators
- Lifts: Permitted in hospitals, residential apartments and hotels. All other premises - no more than one-half of the number of lifts installed is permitted
- Lighting: Up to half the normal lighting in all premises is permitted. Other lights permitted only for safety, security and emergency use.
- Television or video equipment: for promotional or advertising purposes
- Television production: not more than 50% of load

To check if you may use power for a particular activity or operation, please call your local electricity supply company whose telephone number is shown on your electricity account.

THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM USE OF ELECTRICITY IS PERMITTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. IF THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT OBSERVED, ELECTRICITY MAY HAVE TO BE SWITCHED OFF TO INDIVIDUAL PREMISES OR AREAS TO ENSURE THAT ELECTRICITY USED DOES NOT EXCEED AVAILABLE SUPPLY AND TO AVOID WIDESPREAD BLACKOUTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The restrictions on cooling and air conditioning do not apply to the classes of persons and bodies referred to in Attachment 2.

ATTACHMENT 2

EXEMPTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF COOLING

(a) The following classes of persons:

Elderly persons	Frail elderly people at risk of deterioration and needing some support services for daily living. People assessed for, and awaiting nursing home or hostel admission.
Disabled persons	Persons with paraplegia, quadriplegia and/or those who are wheelchair bound who need assistance. Persons who are blind, dependent on self care and cooking, with no or insufficient other assistance. Persons with intellectual, physical, sensory disabilities or acquired brain injury needing some support services for daily living.
Babies/children	New infants recently discharged from hospital. Infants and children with severe chronic conditions requiring maintenance of constant temperatures.
Terminal illness	Persons who are registered clients and receiving palliative care from a regional palliative care service.
Other chronic conditions	Persons with severe chronic medical conditions requiring stringent hygiene precautions to care for severe faecal incontinence or management of a surgical stoma.
Dependant on life support systems	Persons living at home/community based that are dependent on life support medical equipment.
Other conditions	Persons with serious or severe chronic medical or mental health conditions requiring maintenance of constant temperatures.

(b) The following classes of bodies:

- hospitals;
 - nursing homes and hostels;
 - supported residential services;
 - disability institutions and residential units; and
 - childcare centres.
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DIRECTION VARIATION

Pursuant to section 47C(6) of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** ("the Act") I, Steve Bracks, being the Minister responsible for the Act, hereby vary the Direction made on 4 February 2000 ("the Direction") by:

1. exempting kindergartens from the restrictions specified in the Direction; and
2. add the following class of person to paragraph (a) of Attachment 2 to the Direction:
"Frail persons Frail persons or persons with a serious medical condition whose health and well-being will be jeopardised by restricted access to domestic power supply"

This Variation takes effect from 3pm on 4 February 2000.

Dated this 4th day of February 2000

STEVE BRACKS
Treasurer

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DIRECTION-FURTHER VARIATION

Pursuant to section 47C(6) of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** (“the Act”) I, Steve Bracks, being the Minister responsible for the Act, hereby further vary the Direction made on 4 February 2000 (“the Direction”) by:

Equipment and premises necessary for the provision of emergency services.

This Variation takes effect from 5pm on 4 February 2000.

Dated this 4th day of February 2000

STEVE BRACKS
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