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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

National Parks (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2001

Notice is given that, in accordance with the provisions of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed National Parks (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2001.

The proposed Regulations replace the National Parks (Fees and Charges) Regulations 1990 which will expire on 17 December 2001.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to require the payment of fees and charges for park occupation permits and the use of park facilities, services and goods, and to set entry fees in relation to certain parks.

The RIS discusses the following alternatives to the proposed Regulations:

- full cost recovery;
- no regulations;
- variations of partial cost recovery; and
- maintenance of the status quo.

It concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving the objectives.

Copies of the RIS and the accompanying Regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Customer Service Centre between 8.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. weekdays on 136 186. The RIS is also available in the Department's website (http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris/).

Written comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be received at the following address by no later than 5.00 p.m. on Monday 19 November 2001:

Ms Anne van de Meene, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Level 14, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002.

Submissions may also be e-mailed to: anne.vandemeene@nre.vic.gov.au

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 17 October 2001

SHERRYL GARBUTT MP Minister for Environment and Conservation

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