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**Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**  
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT  
Proposed Building (Swimming Pool Fences)  
Regulations 2001

Notice is given as required by Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Building (Swimming Pool Fences) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the proposed regulations to be made under the **Building Act 1993**, as amended by the **Building (Amendment) Act 2001**, are to—

- (a) to prescribe matters relating to the construction, installation, maintenance, operation and use of swimming pool barriers and spa barriers;
- (b) to prescribe a penalty not exceeding 50 penalty units for a contravention of those regulations; and
- (c) to generally improve the operation of those regulations.

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 statement concludes that the proposed regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objectives. The reason for the proposed regulations is to reduce the risk of children drowning in backyard swimming pools and spas and to introduce maintenance and operational controls for safety equipment associated with swimming pools and spas.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement, including the proposed regulations, are available from, and written submissions may be lodged with: Director Policy Services, Building Control Commission, Level 27, Casselden Place, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000, (PO Box 536E, Melbourne, Vic. 3001). Telephone: 1300 360 380. Facsimile: (03) 9285 6410.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations can also be viewed and downloaded from the website [www.buildcc.com.au](http://www.buildcc.com.au)

Submissions in writing will be received at any time from the publication of this notice and until 5:00pm Tuesday 18 December 2001.

Note: All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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