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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Wildlife (Game) (Deer Amendment) Regulations 2001

I, Sherryl Garbutt, Minister for Environment and Conservation and Minister responsible for the administration of the **Wildlife Act 1975**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, as follows:—

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Wildlife (Game) (Deer Amendment) Regulations 2001 to improve the management of aspects of deer hunting in Victoria. The RIS was advertised inviting public comment and a total of 338 submissions were received.

After considering these submissions, I have decided that the proposed Wildlife (Game) (Deer Amendment) Regulations 2001 should be made with the following amendments:

- Regulation 6 relating to the proposed instruction course, is to be removed from the proposed Regulations due to technical difficulties associated with implementing the course before the Wildlife (Game) Regulations sunset in September 2001;
- Regulation 7 is to be amended to remove the restriction of 10 hunters per hound team;
- Regulation 7 is to be amended to reduce the permitted number of hounds per team from 8 to 5;
- Regulation 7 is to be amended and Regulations 11(1)(a), 11(2)(a) and 12 are to be deleted from the proposed Regulations to remove the open session for Fallow Deer;
- Regulation 8(2) (now 9) is to be amended in accordance with the **National Parks Act 1975** to allow hunters to transport hounds through prohibited areas (i.e. parks), provided they are confined in a vehicle or vessel in transit through the park;
- Regulation 9 relating to the proposed registration of scent-trailing hounds, is to be removed from the proposed Regulations due to technical difficulties associated with implementing the registration of scent-trailing hounds, including a requirement for ear tattooing and micro-chipping of hounds at twelve months of age, before the Wildlife (Game) Regulations sunset in September 2001.
- Regulation 10 is to be amended to allow all landowners and occupiers to use a spotlight for the purpose of controlling pest animals within 500 metres of their freehold land;
- Regulation 13 (now 12) is to be amended to include the Municipality of Strathbogie as an area of "recognised deer habitat" in the Eighth Schedule.

The Regulations will also be introduced in stages, rather than the proposed common commencement date, as follows:

Regulations	Commencement dates
● All regulations except for regulations 7 and 11	Thursday 29 March 2001
● Hound hunting log (Regulation 7)	Saturday 28 April 2001
● Maximum of 5 hounds per team (Regulation 7)	Saturday 28 April 2001
● Hound hunting season (Regulation 11)	Saturday 28 April 2001

Dated 15 March 2001

SHERRYL GARBUTT MP
Minister for Environment and Conservation

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