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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2001

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the proposed Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2001 are to provide for the management of game hunting in Victoria, in ways that:

- provide continued sustainable, humane, ethical and safe recreational hunting opportunities;
- ensure equitable sharing of game resources between stakeholders;
- minimise the destruction of non-game species; and,
- ensure the protection of wildlife habitats.

The proposed regulations will specify open and close seasons, bag limits, permitted hunting methods and areas and the wetlands and times when entry into certain wetlands over the opening weekend of the duck hunting season is restricted. The regulations will also prescribe the licensing requirements for game hunters and the tag and checking station requirements for Hog Deer hunters. Conditions relating to the possession and use of game will also be prescribed.

The RIS discusses two alternatives to the proposed regulations: no regulations to control the activities of game hunters in Victoria; and, the use of a voluntary Code of Practice to regulate hunting activities. The proposed regulations were considered the best means of achieving the objectives, as they do so in a manner which is more effective than both alternatives.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting the NRE Customer Service Centre between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm weekdays on 136 186. The RIS is also available at the NRE internet site <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au> under Recreation and Tourism, Hunting.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying regulations. All comments must be in writing and must be received at the following address by no later than 5:00 pm on 20 July 2001:

Mr Scott Lawrence, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

Submissions may also be emailed to: scott.lawrence@nre.vic.gov.au.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 14 June 2001

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Minister for Environment
and Conservation

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