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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**

### **REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT**

#### **Plumbing (Amendment) Regulations 2001**

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Plumbing (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to amend the Plumbing Regulations 1998 to specify Plumbing (Backflow Prevention) Work as a class of specialised plumbing work, and to move provisions prescribing standards in relation to certain plumbing work from the Plumbing Standards Regulations 1998 to the Plumbing Regulations 1998.

The establishment of Plumbing (Backflow Prevention) Work as specialised plumbing work will require plumbers to hold additional qualifications to carry out commissioning and maintenance of medium and high hazard backflow prevention devices. A backflow prevention device is a mechanical device that prevents the reverse flow of potentially contaminated water into a potable water supply. The additional licensing requirements proposed are necessary to minimise the risk of contamination of potable water mains from high and medium hazard industries.

Standards for plumbing work relating to potable water supply, sanitary plumbing and sanitary drainage, hot water supply systems and evaporative cooler discharge are presently set out in the Plumbing Standards Regulations 1998. The standards protect consumer health and safety from disease or injury and protect property from damage. The Plumbing Standards Regulations 1998 are due to expire on 14 July 2001. The proposed regulations incorporate the standards into the Plumbing Regulations 1998 to ensure continuity in the application of the standards.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The Regulatory Impact Statement examines the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and the possible alternatives and concludes that the proposed regulations provide the most effective means of achieving the objectives.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations can be obtained from the Plumbing Industry Commission offices, 450 Burke Road, Camberwell 3124 by contacting Ken Dare on (03) 9889 2211 or by downloading from the internet site [www.pic.vic.gov.au](http://www.pic.vic.gov.au).

Public comments are invited on the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed regulations. Written submissions will be received up to 28 days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Submissions should be addressed to: Plumbing Industry Commission, 450 Burke Road, Camberwell, Victoria 3124.

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