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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Water Industry (Reservoir Parks Land) 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 Water Industry (Reservoir Parks Land) Regulations 2001.

The proposed regulations replace the Water Industry (Melbourne Parks and Waterways) Regulations 1996 (Statutory Rule No. 99/1996) which will cease to apply upon the abolition of Melbourne Parks and Waterways.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for the care, protection, management, use of and preservation of good order in reservoir parks land.

Reservoir parks land is the collective term for twelve reservoir parks leased from Melbourne Water. The names of the parks are: Cardinia Creek, Devilbend, Fernshaw, Greenvale, Maroondah, Silvan, Sugarloaf, Tarago, Thomson, Toorourrong, Upper Yarra and Yan Yean.

The proposed regulations contain a series of park management measures designed to maximise the benefit of Melbourne's reservoir parks to visitors while retaining their environmental, wildlife, recreational and heritage values. These measures include: fees for certain facilities and activities; prohibited activities (e.g. damaging wildflowers, signs or structures); requirement for permits for certain activities (e.g. commercial activities and special events); and controls on lighting fires, vehicular access, bringing animals, recreational activities, aircraft, etc.

The RIS discusses two alternatives to the proposed regulations: public education programs and voluntary codes of practice. It concludes that the proposed regulations are the best means of achieving the objective.

Copies of the RIS and 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 on the Department's website (<http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris/>).

Written comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be received at the following address by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 22 October 2001:

Ms Yvette Baker, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Level 14, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002.

Submissions may also be emailed to: yvette.baker@nre.vic.gov.au

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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Minister for Environment
and Conservation

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