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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Road Safety (Vehicles) (Written-off Vehicles) Regulations 2002

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Road Safety (Vehicles)(Written-off Vehicles) Regulations 2002.

During 2001, State Parliament passed amendments to the Road Safety Act dealing with the establishment of a Register of Written-off Vehicles ("the Register"). The regulations are necessary to provide the administrative machinery for the operation of the Register.

The objective of the Register is to reduce professional vehicle rebirthing; the practice of professional thieves stealing late model vehicles and re-registering them using the identities of written-off vehicles. The regulations will provide for the identities of written-off vehicles to be recorded on the Register and will introduce controls for the registration and renewal of registration of vehicles bearing these identifiers.

It is proposed that the objectives of the regulations will be achieved through the establishment of :

- requirements for insurers, self insurers, motor wreckers and motor car traders to report information about damaged late model light motor vehicles to the Corporation, and to affix a label to a vehicle that is a "statutory write-off" as defined in the Road Safety Act. Essentially a statutory write-off is defined in the recently passed amendments to the Road Safety Act as a vehicle so badly damaged that it is suitable only for parts;
- a process for the registration and renewal of registration of repairable written-off vehicles;
- search and extract fees for the register of written-off vehicles, and in respect of number plates and registration numbers;
- cancellation of registration of written-off vehicles;

- new offences for failure by an insurer, self insurer, motor wrecker or motor car trader to advise the Corporation that a late model, light motor vehicle is written-off; and failing to attach a notice or label to a statutory write-off.

The proposed regulations will implement the agreed national policy approved by the Standing Committee on Transport, which comprises Chief Executives from road and traffic authorities around Australia. During development of the national policy, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council consulted widely and the proposed regulations are based on that national policy.

The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most cost effective and efficient means of meeting the objectives.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained from VicRoads bookshop, email: bookshop@roads.vic.gov.au, telephone: (03) 9854 2782 or facsimile: (03) 9854 2468.

Written submissions will be received at the following address up to 5:00 pm on 18 March 2002 at the following address: Manager, Registration and Licensing Policy, VicRoads, Level 1, 60 Denmark Street, Kew Vic. 3101 or by email to tracee.piper@roads.vic.gov.au. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries regarding the content of the RIS should be directed to Ms Tracee Piper on (03) 9854 2414.

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