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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT
Wildlife Regulations 2002

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 Regulations 2002 (proposed Regulations).

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to provide for the licensing system established by section 22 of the **Wildlife Act 1975** and to prescribe fees and various other matters for the management of wildlife possession and trade in Victoria, in ways that:

- minimise the risks of any adverse impact to wild populations;
- encourage responsible ownership of wildlife;
- facilitate legal opportunities for trade; and
- provide opportunities for the public to learn about our native wildlife.

The proposed Regulations will prescribe the conditions and restrictions relating to possession and trade of wildlife in Victoria and will specify the taxa that may be kept, entitlements of licensees, record keeping requirements, and a requirement for regular submission of returns indicating the wildlife that is in the possession of the licence holder. The majority of existing arrangements for wildlife possession and trade in Victoria will remain unchanged under the proposed Regulations, however, a number of new and amended regulations are proposed. The two most significant changes from the previous Regulations are:

- Abolishing the existing Category 1 and Category 2 private wildlife licences and introducing one 'basic' private wildlife licence and abolishing the present Category 3 private wildlife licence and introducing an 'advanced' private wildlife licence;
- Requiring a Private Wildlife (Basic) Licence to keep Shingleback Lizards;

Two alternatives to the proposed Regulations were considered: deregulating possession and trade of wildlife in Victoria and introducing a tracking system for individual taxa of wildlife.

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 Department of Natural Resources and Environment Customer Service Centre on 136 186 to have a copy sent to you. The RIS is also available at the NRE internet site <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris>.

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 23 May 2002.

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

Submissions may also be emailed to: George.Grossek@nre.vic.gov.au.

All submissions will be treated as public documents unless marked confidential.

Dated 18 April 2002

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Minister for Environment
and Conservation

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