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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Amendment) 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 for the proposed Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to amend the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Regulations 2001 to mirror Commonwealth regulations by:

- revising provisions relating to fees for the release of information and samples, to refer to the new Part IIIA of the **Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1982** which replaces section 118 (repealed);
- inserting annual fees for infrastructure licences;
- inserting offences that replace offences previously set out in sections 34(2) and (3), 35 and 121 (repealed) of the Act; and
- omitting fees for renewal of production licences and pipelines licences (as renewals are no longer provided for in the Act); and
- inserting application fees for leases, infrastructure licences and variation to infrastructure licences.

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations. These alternatives are rejected as being inconsistent with the Offshore Constitutional Settlement between the Commonwealth and the States and the Government's policy on full cost recovery.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Information Centre, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, telephone: (03) 9637 8080 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm, or on the internet at <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au> under Minerals & Petroleum, Legislation.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. All comments must

be in writing and be sent to Susan Brown, Senior Petroleum Tenements Officer, Energy and Minerals Division, Level 8, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002 by no later than 5 pm, Monday 14 October 2002.

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and Resources

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