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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2003

Notice is given as required by section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, of the proposed Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

The objectives of the proposed amendments to be made under the **Health Act 1958** to the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, are to –

- (a) prescribe certain notifiable infectious diseases or conditions for the purposes of the **Health Act 1958**;
- (b) provide for improvements in the general control of infectious diseases; and
- (c) require the provision of health information to clients by premises registered under section 366C of the Act.

The amendments to the regulations have been drafted following a review of the existing regulations.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The RIS explains the amendments to the regulations, the nature and extent of the problem that the amendments are seeking to address and the objectives and the effect of each amendment. The RIS includes an assessment of the costs and benefits of the proposed amendments and of several possible alternatives. The results of the RIS are that the proposed amendments are the most efficient method of achieving the objectives.

Written submissions are invited from any interested industry or community group, and from the public, in relation to any matter relevant to the proposed regulations. Submissions will be received up to 32 days from the date of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement, including the proposed regulations, is available from, and submissions should be lodged with: Senior Project Officer, Communicable Diseases

Section, Public Health Division, Department of Human Services, Level 17, 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000 Or by email to: public.health@dhs.vic.gov.au Telephone: (03) 9637 4843, Facsimile: (03) 9637 4477.

The Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed regulations may also be viewed and downloaded at the Department of Human Services Website at: <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/infectious-disease/regulations/index.htm>

Public comment and written submissions are invited and should be received no later than the close of business on 29 December 2003.

Note: All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

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