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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Road Safety (Vehicles)

#### (Concession Fees No. 2) Regulations 2004

Notice has been 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) (Concession Fees No. 2) Regulations 2004.

In April 2004, as a part of its 2004–05 Budget, the Victorian Government announced its Concession Reforms Package aimed at providing an increased range of concessions to Victorian families and people on low incomes. Under the Budget provisions, about \$279 million of a 4 year, \$402 million funding program for the enhanced concessions would be generated by reducing vehicle registration concessions for eligible beneficiaries from 1 July 2004.

The Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999 were amended to implement the reduction in concessions with effect on 1 July 2004 by the Road Safety (Vehicles) (Concession Fees) Regulations 2004.

These Regulations were made without compliance with the RIS process in accordance with the Premier's certificate issued under section 9(3) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. However to comply with the requirements of section 9(4) of that Act, the Road Safety (Vehicles) (Concession Fees) Regulations 2004 provide for the expiration of the concession fee changes on 2 January 2005.

VicRoads has prepared draft Road Safety (Vehicles) (Concession Fees No. 2) Regulations 2004, which are proposed to come into operation on the date on which they are made. These draft Regulations would keep the recent concession changes in place on an ongoing basis. This RIS is concerned with these proposed Regulations.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulations is to assist in facilitating the equitable distribution of State Government concessions and ensure that provision continues to be made for equitable use of the road system.

The RIS concludes that the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations are redistributive and that the proposal to maintain the 1 July 2004 reduction in registration concessions is the only practical and equitable means of generating the required additional revenue to fund the State concession system outlined in the 2004–05 Budget.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained from the VicRoads bookshop, email: [bookshop@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:bookshop@roads.vic.gov.au), telephone: 9854 2049, or facsimile: 9854 2468.

Written submissions will be received up to 5:00 pm on 9 December 2004 at the following address: Manager, Registration and Licensing Policy, VicRoads, Level 1, 60 Denmark Street, Kew, Victoria 3101 or by email to [john.lewis@roads.vic.gov.au](mailto:john.lewis@roads.vic.gov.au). All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries regarding the content of the RIS should be directed to Mr John Lewis on 9854 2036.

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