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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulations is to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 1997 —

- (a) prohibit the use of certain procedures and devices on animals, including the firing of horses and the use of pronged collars;
- (b) regulate the use of electronic dog training collars;
- (c) prohibit the possession of dog or cock fighting implements;
- (d) establish a scheme for the accreditation of rodeo stock contractors and rodeo school instructors and require their nomination in permit applications;
- (e) provide for certain procedures relating to live fish to fall within the definition of scientific procedures under the Act;
- (f) amend the reporting requirements for scientific establishments; and
- (g) update certain references or terminology in the regulations.

The regulations are to be made under the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986** ('the Act'). The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The proposed Regulations were considered the best means of achieving the objective and the most appropriate method to improve the management of rodeos, use of certain electronic training devices on dogs and improve the protection of the welfare of animals in certain circumstances.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and concludes that the benefits of the Regulations are greater than the costs they impose.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Customer Service Centre by phoning 136 186 (between 8.00 am to 8.00 pm), the Department's Information Centre (Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm), the internet at <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au> or email a request to animal.welfare@dpi.vic.gov.au

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to Project Officer RIS, Bureau of Animal Welfare, 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood, Victoria 3049 or by email to animal.welfare@dpi.vic.gov.au no later than 5.00 pm on 19 March 2004.

Dated 13 January 2004

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