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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

#### Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tail Docking of Dogs) Regulations 2004

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 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Tail Docking of Dogs) Regulations 2004.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulation is to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 1997 to prohibit the tail docking of dogs except in certain circumstances.

The Regulations are to be made under the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986**. The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The proposed Regulations were considered the best means of achieving the stated objective and the most appropriate means to regulate the tail docking of dogs.

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

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

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to the Bureau of Animal Welfare, 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood, Victoria 3049 or emailed to [animal.welfare@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:animal.welfare@dpi.vic.gov.au) by no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 8 March 2004.

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