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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Further Amendment) 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 Preparation of Cruelty to Animals (Further Amendment) Regulations 2004.

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

- (a) prescribe conditions for licences and standards for scientific procedures and the breeding of specified animals carried out for the purposes of scientific procedures; and
- (b) prescribe certain offences and the penalties for certain offences for which penalty infringement notices may be issued; and
- (c) prescribe the form of identification certificates for inspectors, specialist inspectors and authorised officers.

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 way to improve the regulation of the use of animals for research and teaching, and to make machinery amendments to authorisation documents of inspectors.

The RIS assesses the costs 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 8am to 8pm), the Department's Information Centre (Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne between 8.30am and 5.30pm) and the internet at <http://www.doi.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 by no later than 5pm on Thursday 10 June 2004.

Dated 12 May 2004

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