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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED SAFE DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS 2004

Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given in accordance with Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in connection with the proposed Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2004.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to give effect to the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003**, by specifying standards for the quality of drinking water supplied to customers of water suppliers, by specifying the major elements to be incorporated in risk management plans, by specifying criteria for accreditation of analysts and for approval of auditors, and by specifying information disclosure requirements in relation to annual reports for drinking water quality.

Among other things, the Regulatory Impact Statement assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and other feasible alternative means of achieving the same objectives. It concludes that the benefits of the proposed regulations are likely to outweigh the expected costs.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement, which include the proposed regulations, may be obtained from Mr Brian Labza of the Department of Human Services on (03) 9637 4088, by email request from brian.labza@dhs.vic.gov.au or downloaded from the Department's environmental health website at: www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/water/drinking. Supplementary material will also be available on the website during the consultation period.

Written submissions are invited from any interested industry, stakeholder or community group and from the public in relation to any matter relevant to the proposed regulations.

Submissions must be received by 5 pm on Monday 25 October 2004. Submissions should be marked "Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2004 – Submission" and addressed to: Mr Brian Labza, Public Health Group, Department of Human Services, G.P.O. Box 1670N, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, or by email to: brian.labza@dhs.vic.gov.au.

All comments and submissions received will be treated as public documents.

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