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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Surveying (Registration Fees) Regulations 2005

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Surveying (Registration Fees) Regulations 2005.

The **Surveyors Act 1978** will be repealed when the **Surveying Act 2004** ('the Act') comes into operation on 1 January 2005. The new Act introduces the requirement for the annual registration of licensed surveyors to perform cadastral surveying in Victoria. A new fee framework is necessary to meet the objectives of the **Surveying Act 2004**. To this end, the Act provides for the making of regulations with respect to prescribed fees.

The proposed Regulations prescribe fees payable to the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria under the **Surveying Act 2004**. These include fees for applications for registration, initial registration, annual renewal of registration, late applications for renewal, examinations, copies of or extracts from the register, and certificates of registration.

Transitional provisions provide for all licensed surveyors who are currently registered to be deemed to be registered under the **Surveying Act 2004** upon its commencement. However, licensed surveyors are required to pay the prescribed renewal fee within three (3) months of the commencement of the Act, otherwise their registration will expire, leading to their removal from the register. Registration fees must be received by the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria by 1 April 2005 by virtue of the commencement of the Act.

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving the stated objectives.

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 weekdays), the Department's Information Centre, (Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne 3002 between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm weekdays), or the internet at www.dse.vic.gov.au/RIS.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and must be received at the following address by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 9 February 2005.

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