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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT
Forests (Thomson River Forest Reserve)
Regulations 2005

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Forests (Thomson River Forest Reserve) Regulations 2005.

The objectives of the existing and proposed Regulations are to provide for:

- (a) the effective management and conservation of the Thomson River Forest Reserve;
- (b) periodic road closures within the area of the reserve; and
- (c) appropriate land uses within the reserve.

The proposed Regulations replace the Forests (Thomson River Forest Reserve) Regulations 1995, which are due to expire on 3 April 2005.

The RIS explores three possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations:

- (a) the use of widespread signs;
- (b) the use of voluntary codes on those licences to effect adequate reserve protection; and
- (c) the introduction of a permit system.

The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the stated objectives by continuing to protect the catchment and ensure continued delivery of high quality water from the Thomson Reservoir.

Copies of the proposed Regulations and accompanying RIS may be obtained: in person between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm from the Information Centre, Department of Sustainability and Environment, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002 (before 18 February) or from Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 (after 18 February); by calling 136 186; or on the DSE website at <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/ris>.

Public comments or submissions are invited on the proposed Regulations and RIS. All

comments or submissions must be in writing and should be sent by email to thomson.RIS@dse.vic.gov.au or by mail to: The RIS Officer, Parks and Forests Division, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Level 3, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Vic. 3002.

All submissions will be treated as public documents and must be received by no later than 5:30 pm on 11 March 2005.

Dated 9 February 2005

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