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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Road Management (General) Regulations 2005

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in connection with the proposed Road Management (General) Regulations 2005.

The Victorian Parliament passed the **Road Management Act 2004** (the Act) in May 2004. Many provisions of the Act came into effect on 1 July 2004, with the remaining provisions coming into effect on 1 January 2005.

Road Management (General) (Interim) Regulations 2004 were made to take effect on 1 January 2005 to support the effective operation of the **Road Management Act 2004**. These interim regulations expire on 30 June 2005 and were made without compliance with the RIS process in accordance with a Premier's certificate issued under section 9(3) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

VicRoads has prepared the proposed Road Management (General) Regulations 2005, which are proposed to come into operation on 1 July 2005. This RIS is concerned with these proposed Regulations.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are:

- to exempt certain road discontinuances from certain requirements of section 12 of the Act;
- to prescribe certain matters that must be recorded in a register of public roads;
- to prescribe the interval at which a road authority must review its road management
- to prescribe the manner in which a road authority must review its road management plan;
- to prescribe the manner in which a road authority may amend its road management plan in certain circumstances;
- to prescribe the particulars to be contained in a notice of incident;
- to prescribe the particulars to be contained in a condition report;

- to provide for the protection of roads and property;
- to authorise the removal of vehicles and other objects and refuse from roads;
- to make provision with respect to the matters that a road authority must consider in exercising its powers in relation to hoardings and advertisements on roads, and to confer certain appeal rights;
- to make provision with respect to road management infringement notices;
- to fix certain fees and charges.

Among other things, the RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and other alternative means of achieving the same objectives. It concludes that the proposed regulations are expected to provide greater net benefits than the 'base case' or the practicable alternatives.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from VicRoads website at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au, from VicRoads bookshop (email: bookshop@roads.vic.gov.au, telephone: 9854 2782 or facsimile: 9854 2468) or by e-mailing a request to RMBresponses@roads.vic.gov.au.

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 5.00 pm on Monday 16 May 2005. Submissions should be marked "Road Management (General) Regulations 2005 – Submission" and addressed to: Mr Bruce Van Every, General Manager - Road System Management, VicRoads, 60 Denmark Street, Kew Vic. 3101, or by e-mail to RMBresponses@roads.vic.gov.au.

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries regarding the content of the RIS should be directed to Mr Chris Boardman on 9854 2620.

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