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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**

### **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)**

#### **Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) 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 Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2005.

The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2005 replaces that Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Interim) Regulations 2004, which were introduced on 25 November 2005. These interim regulations will cease to have effect on 25 May 2005.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to provide protection for children whose siblings have died by improving information flows to government agencies. The proposed Regulations will amend the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Regulations 1997 to require additional particulars to be specified by doctors in death notices and by funeral directors in notices of disposal of remains with respect to the death of a child.

This information will assist the Registrar of Births, Death and Marriages to perform searches of the Registers in order to be able to advise the State Coroner when there has been a previous death of a child of the same parent.

The RIS examines the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and assesses alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The RIS concludes that the benefits of the proposed Regulations outweigh their costs, and that none of the alternatives provides a practicable means of achieving the proposed Regulation's objectives.

Public submissions on the proposed Regulations and the RIS are invited. All comments must be in writing and must be received by 5pm on Tuesday, 17 May 2005.

Copies of both documents can be obtained from: Mr Ian Bowler, Acting Manager, Policy

and Legislation, Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, GPO Box 4332, Melbourne Vic 3001, Tel (03) 9613 5874, Fax (03) 9613 5877, Email: vicbdm@dvc.vic.gov.au. Copies can also be accessed on the Department for Victorian Communities internet site, at: <http://www.dvc.vic.gov.au/bdm.htm>.

Dated 16 April 2005

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Minister for Victorian Communities

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