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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Pipelines Regulations 2007

Notice is given that, in accordance with Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the Pipelines Regulations 2007.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulations is to set out important details of the new operating framework for the development and operation of major gas and petroleum pipeline infrastructure under the **Pipelines Act 2005**. These details reflect current best practice, and include the requirements for environment and safety management plans. A new and more equitable fee structure, and notification details to landholders of pipelines proposals are also included in the Regulations.

The Regulations are to be made under the **Pipelines Act 2005**, which has not yet commenced. The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The proposed Regulations were considered the best means of achieving the stated objective and the most appropriate means to regulate the development and operation of major pipelines.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and concludes that the benefits of the Regulations are greater than the costs imposed.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Customer Service Centre by phoning 136 186 (between 8 am to 8 pm); the Department's Information Centre (Level 16, 1 Spring Street; Melbourne between 9 am and 5 pm); the internet at <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/ris>.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to the Earth Resources Policy Unit, Department of Primary Industries, PO Box 4440, Melbourne, Vic. 3001 or e-mailed to pipelines.ris@dpi.vic.gov.au no later than Monday 5 pm, 12 February 2007.

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