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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Sustainable Forests (Timber Harvesting) Regulations 2006

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 Sustainable Forests (Timber Harvesting) Regulations 2006.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to regulate certain activities carried out by timber harvesting operators by prescribing the following –

- classes of timber harvesting operator's licences;
- activities or classes of activity for which a timber harvesting operator's licence is required;
- application fees for a timber harvesting operator's licence and renewal of that licence;
- a demerit points system;
- the period for suspension of a timber harvesting operator's licence; and
- other matters required for the purposes of Division 2 of Part 6 of the **Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004**.

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 –

- in person between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm from the Planning Information Centre, Department of Sustainability and Environment, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002; or
- by phoning 136 186 (between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm weekdays); or
- on the DSE website at www.dse.vic.gov.au

Public comments or submission are invited on the RIS and the proposed regulations. All comments and submissions received will be treated as public documents.

All comments and submissions must be in writing and must be received at the following address by 12 noon on 26 June 2006.

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