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NOTICE OF DECISION

Rail Safety Regulations 2006

I, Peter Batchelor, Minister for Transport and Minister responsible for administering the **Rail Safety Act 2006**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to recommend to the Governor in Council that the proposed Rail Safety Regulations 2006 be made.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to –

- prescribe the information to accompany an application for accreditation;
- prescribe the content of safety management systems and emergency plans;
- set out procedural requirements with respect to alcohol and drug controls for rail safety workers;
- prescribe performance based requirements for the health, fitness and competency of rail safety workers;
- prescribe requirements for the reporting of accidents and incidents; and
- prescribe fees.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Rail Safety Regulations 2006. The RIS was advertised on 3 June 2006 seeking public comment and 16 submissions were received. After considering the submissions received, I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with amendments, including –

- the removal of a requirement to produce certain documents when applying for accreditation;
- changes to the manner in which emergency plans are prepared and in relation to the required content of plans;
- making the health assessment duty for rail safety workers more performance based;

- changes to the competency and training requirements;
- providing exemptions for tourist and heritage operators with respect to payment of certain fees;
- other drafting changes to improve the content and form of the Regulations.

Dated 18 July 2006

PETER BATCHELOR, MP
Minister for Transport

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