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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Victoria State Emergency Service Regulations 2006

Notice is given that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Regulations 2006.

The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to replace the expiring Victoria State Emergency Service Regulations 1995.

The principal objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for the effective management of the VICSES. Its specific objectives are to provide for:

- discipline provisions for registered members and probationary members of the VICSES;
- the development and provision of exercises and training of registered members of the VICSES;
- the cessation of membership of VICSES;
- provision of VICSES' insignia; and
- other matters, such as criminal record checks for applicants for registration as a probationary or registered member.

The RIS analyses the proposed Regulations and identifies alternatives to the proposed training and discipline provisions. It concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means to achieve the specific objectives and the effective management of the VICSES. The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and concludes that the benefits of the proposed Regulations outweigh the costs imposed.

Public comments or submissions on the proposed Regulations and the RIS are invited. Copies of both documents can be obtained from: Julia Hickey, Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner, Department of Justice, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne, Vic. 3001. Tel: (03) 8684 7946. Fax: (03) 8684 7956, or from the Department of Justice's internet site: www.justice.vic.gov.au.

Comments or submissions must be in writing and sent to Ms Julia Hickey at the above address or via email at Julia.Hickey@justice.vic.gov.au. The closing date for receipt of written submissions is 5.00 pm Monday 11 September 2006. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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