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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT Water Industry 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 Water Industry Regulations 2006.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to –

- provide for the custody, testing and replacement of water meters and methods of estimating water consumption;
- prescribe procedures and standards to be complied with in relation to the carrying out of water supply work and sewerage work and the installation of works in connection with that work;
- provide for the maintenance and protection of works relating to water supply and sewerage;
- prescribe trade waste for the purposes of the **Water Industry Act 1994**;
- regulate the discharge of trade waste including prescribing conditions of trade waste agreements and to provide for the termination of such agreements for non-compliance;
- prescribe the rights given to a licensee on the creation of an easement or a reserve when land is subdivided;
- prescribe the requirements for lodging notices in relation to the disposition of certain land; and
- prescribe other matters for the purposes of the **Water Industry Act 1994**.

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 submissions 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 close of business on Monday 25 September 2006:

Governance and Intergovernmental Water Sector, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Level 11, 8 Nicholson Street, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

Telephone: (03) 9637 9122

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