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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Notice of Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

Mineral Resources Development (Amendment) Regulations 2007

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Mineral Resources Development (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (the proposed regulations).

The proposed regulations will amend the Mineral Resources Development Regulations 2002 (the Principal Regulations) to support the August 2006 amendments to the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990** (the MRSD Act), which introduced (among other things) a requirement for mining licensees to prepare community engagement plans; and a requirement for consents given under section 45 of the MRSD Act to be in writing and registered on the Mining Register.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to amend the Principal Regulations to prescribe: matters to be included in community engagement plans; the form of consent to work near dwellings under section 45 of the MRSD Act; information required to be registered on the Mining Register relating to section 45 consents and section 46 Ministerial authorisations; and the fee for internet access to the Mining Register. A number of declaratory and administrative amendments to the Principal Regulations are also proposed which will clarify advertising requirements for licences arising from tender or coal allocation processes and correct inconsistencies and outdated references in the Principal Regulations.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of, and discusses possible alternatives to, the proposed regulations. The RIS concludes that the benefits of the proposed regulations are greater than the costs imposed and these benefits outweigh those of any of the alternative options.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained online at <http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/ris> or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (between 8.00 am to 6.00 pm).

Public submissions are invited on the RIS and the accompanying proposed regulations. All submissions will be treated as public documents. Written comments and submissions must be received no later than 5.00 pm Wednesday 7 November 2007 by: email: minerals.legislation@dpi.vic.gov.au; or post: The Project Manager, MRD (Amendment) Regulations, Earth Resources Policy Unit, Department of Primary Industries, PO Box 4440, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

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