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DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Notice of Decision

Gas Safety (Gas Quality) Regulations 2007

I, Peter Batchelor, Minister for Energy and Resources and Minister responsible for administering the **Gas Safety Act 1997**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** as follows:

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Gas Safety (Gas Quality) Regulations 2007. The RIS, accompanied by the proposed Regulations, was advertised to invite public comment on 10 May 2007. Two submissions were received and considered.

I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with the following amendments, in light of comments received –

- clarify that it is an objective of the Regulations to set the minimum safety standard for the quality of natural gas conveyed through both distribution and transmission pipelines;
- clarify that Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) has the ability to exempt a gas company from the requirement that gas be odourised to assist the detection of leaks, if ESV is satisfied that the conveyance, supply, sale, or use of the gas will be safe in the circumstances; and
- clarify that methods of testing gas must be accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA) or approved by ESV.

Dated 2 October 2007

PETER BATCHELOR, MP
Minister for Energy and Resources

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