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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Tobacco Regulations 2007

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Tobacco Regulations 2007.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- limit retail display areas of tobacco products;
- prescribe requirements for sale notices and price tickets relating to tobacco products;
- require appropriate labels to be included on tobacco products;
- require tobacco retailers to display signs relating to health warnings, cessation of smoking, and the prohibition of the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18; and
- prescribe a consent form required by the Act.

The proposed Regulations support the objectives of the **Tobacco Act 1987** in the discouragement of the smoking of tobacco, and the promotion of health and illness prevention; and would replace the Tobacco Regulations 1997 and the Tobacco (Labelling) Regulations 1999 with essentially identical requirements.

The RIS examines the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and assesses alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The RIS concludes that the benefits of the proposed Regulations outweigh their costs, and that none of the alternatives provides a superior means of achieving the proposed Regulation's objectives.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by contacting the Tobacco Information Line on 1300 136775 or downloaded from the tobacco reforms website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms/legislation>.

Public comments and submissions are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments and submissions must be in writing and received by 5.00 pm on Monday 27 August 2007 and should be sent to: Mr Craig Rogers, Tobacco Policy Section, Department of Human Services, Level 13, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000, Tel: (03) 9096 5536, Fax (03) 9096 9171, Email: [tobacco.policy@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:tobacco.policy@dhs.vic.gov.au) marked "RIS – Tobacco Regulations 2007".

Please note that a comment or submission will be treated as a public document unless the author requests otherwise.

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