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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY PLANS) REGULATIONS 2007

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Environment Protection (Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans) Regulations 2007.

The proposed Regulations are to be made under the **Environment Protection Act 1970**. The proposed Regulations prescribe requirements for large commercial and industrial energy and water users to develop and implement an Environment and Resource Efficiency Plan (EREP).

The proposed Regulations prescribe environmental resources and consumption thresholds that trigger participation in the program. The proposed Regulations also prescribe criteria for the preparation of an EREP, registration and reporting requirements, and criteria for exemptions.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** and the Guidelines issued under that Act.

The Regulatory Impact Statement concludes that the benefits of making the proposed Regulations outweigh the associated costs.

Public comments and submissions are invited on the proposed Regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement by 19 October 2007.

EPA encourages interested parties to make submissions online at www.epa.vic.gov.au/erep from 21 September 2007 until 19 October 2007. Details about public information sessions will also be available on this website.

Alternatively you may wish to make a submission by e-mail to erep@epa.vic.gov.au

Hard copy submissions may be directed to: EREP Public Comments, EPA Victoria, GPO Box 4395QQ, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations can be obtained by visiting EPA's website: www.epa.vic.gov.au or by contacting EPA's Information Centre, GPO Box 4395QQ, Melbourne, Victoria 3001, telephone: (03) 9695 2722

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