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PROPOSED ADOPTION REGULATIONS 2008

In accordance with the requirements of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, notice is given of the availability for public comments on the proposed Adoption Regulations 2008 and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS).

The Regulations have been made under the **Adoption Act 1984** and will replace the Adoption Regulations 1998.

The primary objective of these Regulations is to ensure the care and protection of children who have been relinquished for adoption in Victoria, or born outside Australia and entered Victoria for the purposes of adoption under the Intercountry Adoption Service of the Department of Human Services.

The Regulations specify requirements for the approval of adoption applicants and adoption services, minimum qualifications for Principal Officers of adoption agencies and procedures for the consent to adoption.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The RIS examines the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives. The results of the statement are that the proposed Regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objective.

Written submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS are invited, and will be received up to 28 days from the date this notice is published.

A copy of the proposed Regulations and the Regulatory Impact Statement is available from Ms Robyn Gumley, Placement and Support, Department of Human Services, Level 9, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000, phone: 909 67366, email: robyn.gumley@dhs.vic.gov.au and from the Department's website address: www.dhs.vic.gov.au

Submissions should be lodged with Ms Helen Brain, Manager, Home Based Care, Department of Human Services, Level 9, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000, phone: 909 67252, email: helen.brain@dhs.vic.gov.au

Note: All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

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