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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### PROPOSED HEALTH (PRESCRIBED ACCOMMODATION) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in connection with the proposed Health (Prescribed Accommodation) Amendment Regulations 2008 (HPA Regulations).

The proposed regulations are to be made under section 213 of the **Health Act 1958**.

The primary objective of this proposal is to improve the standard and safety of accommodation for rooming house residents by further reducing public health risks to vulnerable rooming house residents. In addition to this primary objective, other objectives of this proposal are to:

- improve the application and consistency of regulatory oversight across rooming houses; and
- minimise the financial impact of any proposed changes.

To achieve this, the RIS recommends an alignment of the definition of a rooming house under the HPA Regulations with that under the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**.

The Regulatory Impact Statement assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and concludes that the benefits of the proposed regulations outweigh the likely costs.

Written submissions are invited on the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed Regulations and should be addressed to: Ms Margaret Crawford, Director of Housing, RE: Regulatory Impact Statement – rooming houses, Department of Human Services, GPO Box 4057, Melbourne 3001, or by email to: [housing.policy@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:housing.policy@dhs.vic.gov.au)

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations can be obtained by contacting Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 or by downloading a copy from [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)

All submissions must be received by 5 pm, 3 November 2008. It should be noted that all comments and submissions received will be treated as public comments unless explicitly specified by the submitter.

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