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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF A DECISION

Proposed Health (Prescribed Accommodation) Amendment Regulations 2008

I, Daniel Andrews, Minister for Health and Minister responsible for administering the **Health Act 1958**, 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 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 RIS was advertised on 4 October 2008 seeking public comment by 3 November 2008. Nine submissions were received by this date and a further five submissions were received after this date.

After considering the submissions, I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made without amendment.

Dated 10 December 2008

HON DANIEL ANDREWS MP  
Minister for Health

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