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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF DECISION

#### Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Regulations 2008

I, James Merlino, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs and Minister responsible for administering the **Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to recommend to the Governor in Council that the proposed Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Regulations 2008 be made.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to give operational effect to key elements of the **Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985**, which seeks to promote safety, control professional boxing and combat sports and reduce the risk of malpractice. The Regulations update requirements related to the provision of licences, permits and registrations, including revised forms and fees and the introduction of a new fee for a promotion permit. In addition, the Regulations further promote safety and reduce the risk of malpractice through a range of new provisions including testing for blood borne viruses, other medical tests and fitness tests, prerequisites for registration of contestants, keeping a list of persons who may act as timekeepers and protecting officials from abuse and harassment.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Regulations 2008. The RIS was advertised on 1 May 2008, seeking public comment, and no submissions were received.

I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with minor technical amendments that do not change the substance of the advertised Regulations.

Dated 19 June 2008

JAMES MERLINO MP  
Minister for Sport, Recreation  
and Youth Affairs

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