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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### PROPOSED ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (RESIDENTIAL NOISE) REGULATIONS 2008

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2008 (the proposed Regulations).

The **Environment Protection Act 1970** creates the offence of emitting unreasonable noise from a residential premises. The proposed Regulations prescribe types of equipment and times when their use, if audible, is automatically considered unreasonable for the purposes of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**.

The proposed Regulations remake the Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 1997, with targeted changes to promote better consistency and environmental performance in construction of residential premises.

Large-scale apartment construction in non-residential zones will be exempted from the proposed Regulations, providing local governments and industry greater flexibility. With appropriate restrictions, land preparation on large residential subdivisions will be able to start earlier on Saturday mornings.

Changes will also be made to the times allowed for water pumps.

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 up until 1 August 2008.

You can make a submission by e-mail to [residentialnoise@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:residentialnoise@epa.vic.gov.au)

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

Copies of the regulatory impact statement and the proposed Regulations can be obtained by visiting EPA's website: [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au) or by contacting EPA's Information Centre, GPO Box 4395QQ, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, telephone: (03) 9695 2722.

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