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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Marine Regulations 2009

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Marine Regulations 2009.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to:

- prescribe matters required by the **Marine Act 1988**, including but not limited to standards for the safe operation of commercial and recreational vessels, requirements for the registration of recreational vessels, and requirements for licensing of recreational vessel operators
- add a requirement to register emergency positioning devices with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- replace parts of the Uniform Shipping Laws Code with parts of the new National Standard for Commercial Vessels
- update Personal Flotation Device (PFD) standards to broaden the range of PFDs that can be worn and carried on commercial and recreational vessels.

The proposed regulations extend the operation of the current regulations, with the minor changes outlined above, for three years. This will allow the Government to complete the current comprehensive review of the **Marine Act 1988** and give due consideration to the wider legislative and regulatory changes arising from that review.

The RIS assesses the benefits and costs of the proposed regulations, concluding that the benefits outweigh the expected costs.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the RIS may be obtained from www.transport.vic.gov.au or by contacting Martin Pike (telephone 9095 4666 or email martin.pike@transport.vic.gov.au).

Submissions on the proposed regulations and the RIS are invited no later than 5 pm on 20 November 2009. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Submissions should be emailed to the address above or posted to Marine Regulations 2009, Department of Transport, GPO Box 2797, Melbourne 3001.

Dated 22 November 2009

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Minister for Roads and Ports

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