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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Visitable and Adaptable Features in Housing

Notice is given that public consultation is now being undertaken on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) which examines approaches to increase the supply of housing with low-cost accessibility features.

The RIS has been prepared to facilitate public consultation on a proposed Victorian variation to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) for some new housing. The RIS examines the costs and benefits of mandating four low-cost accessibility features which are:

- a clear path from the street (or car set-down or parking) to a level entry;
- wider doorways and halls;
- a toilet suitable for people with limited mobility on entry level; and
- reinforced bathroom walls to allow grab rails to be fitted inexpensively if they are needed later.

The RIS formally assesses the proposed variation against the requirements in the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** and the Victorian Guide to Regulation.

The assessment framework of the RIS examines the problem to be addressed, specifies the desired objectives, identifies viable options that will achieve the objectives, and assesses the costs and benefits of the options, as well as identifying the preferred option and describing its effects.

The RIS also assesses the impact of regulatory proposals on small business, undertakes a competition assessment and reports on any changes in the administrative burden. Finally, it considers implementation and enforcement issues, details the evaluation strategy, and documents the consultation undertaken.

Public comment is invited on the RIS and the proposed variation to the BCA. Specific questions for the public consultation have been included.

The RIS can be downloaded from www.dpcd.vic.gov.au, or copies can be obtained through Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 or email planning@diird.vic.gov.au

Comments are to be in writing and be received by 5 pm on 5 March 2010, addressed to:

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