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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (INDUSTRIAL WASTE RESOURCE) REGULATIONS 2009

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009 (the proposed Regulations).

The **Environment Protection Act 1970** provides a framework for management, use, handling, transport and disposal of prescribed industrial waste. The proposed Regulations:

- define which wastes are 'prescribed industrial wastes';
- prescribe how industrial wastes can be assessed and classified in accordance with the wastes hierarchy, including exempting industrial waste resources from legislative requirements; and
- prescribe requirements for safe transport and management of prescribed industrial waste.

The proposed Regulations will replace the Environment Protection (Prescribed Waste) Regulations 1998 and the Industrial Waste Management Policy (Prescribed Industrial Waste) 2000. The proposed Regulations will facilitate greater reuse and recycling of prescribed industrial waste, whilst continuing to protect human health and the environment.

The proposed Regulations include a risk-based definition of 'prescribed industrial waste', the method for assessing and classifying industrial waste, and a simplified process for exempting industrial waste resources that can be used either directly, or following some form of treatment or reprocessing.

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 3 April 2009.

You can make a submission by e-mail to prescribedwaste@epa.vic.gov.au

Whilst email submissions are preferred, hard copy submissions may be directed to: Prescribed Waste 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 or by contacting EPA's Information Centre, GPO Box 4395QQ, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, telephone: (03) 9695 2722.

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