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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### PROPOSED PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING REGULATIONS

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of the proposed making of the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations (the proposed Regulations).

In August 2008, the Victorian Parliament passed the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** (PHWA). The PHWA is designed to both strengthen traditional public health roles, and to deal proactively with emerging public health concerns and risks. It provides for regulations to support the general requirements of the Act as well as to provide more detailed operational requirements.

The proposed Regulations will replace the ten sets of regulations made under the **Health Act 1958** including the:

- Health (Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity) Regulations 2002;
- Health (Exempt Businesses) Regulations 2005;
- Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1999;
- Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001;
- Health (Legionella) Regulations 2001;
- Health (Pest Control) Regulations 2002;
- Health (Prescribed Accommodation) Regulations 2001;
- Health (Prescribed Consultative Councils) Regulations 2002;
- Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 2002; and
- Health (Seizure) Regulations 2003.

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 quantitative and qualitative analyses presented clearly establish 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 until 16 October 2009.

Electronic submissions can be made online at [www.health.vic.gov.au/phwa](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/phwa) or by email to [phwa.enquiries@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:phwa.enquiries@dhs.vic.gov.au). Alternatively, hard copy submissions may be directed to Karen Fletcher, Acting Manager, Legislation Review Unit, Public Health Branch, Department of Health, GPO Box 4541, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

It should be noted that all comments and submissions received will be treated as public documents and placed on the Department of Health's website.

Copies of the regulatory impact statement and the proposed Regulations can be obtained by visiting the Public Health and Wellbeing Act website, [www.health.vic.gov.au/phwa](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/phwa), or by contacting the Department of Health's Legislation Review Unit on (03) 9096 0387.

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