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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2010

Notice is given that in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2010.

The proposed regulations are to be made under the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** ('the Act'). The primary objectives of the regulations are to provide for the registration of electrical contractors and the licensing of electrical workers including electricians and electrical inspectors. The regulations allow for the recognition of licences obtained in other Australian jurisdictions or New Zealand and contain various classes of restricted electrical licences including a new class of licence for electrical switchgear workers.

Importantly, the regulations also prescribe the classes of electrical contracting work and electrical installation work that may only be carried out in Victoria by licensed electrical workers. This includes, for the first time, work on electrical equipment operating at extra-low voltage in patient areas.

The regulations set out the qualifications, training, application procedures and information required for obtaining an electrical workers licence or registration as an electrical contractor. The regulations provide for various application and renewal fees in relation to licensing and registration and prescribe the minimum level of public liability insurance required to be held by electrical contractors.

The RIS discusses a number of regulatory and non-regulatory options. The proposed regulations are considered the best means of achieving the stated objective and the most appropriate and efficient means of providing protection to the community from the risks and hazards associated with electrical work and the use of electricity.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and concludes that adoption of the regulations will yield net benefits over the next 10 years.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained from Energy Safe Victoria by contacting Anthony Bottegal on 9203 9700 or via the internet at www.esv.vic.gov.au (click on About ESV>What's New?).

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to Anthony Bottegal, Legal Officer, Energy Safe Victoria, PO Box 262, Collins Street West, Vic. 8007 or emailed to abottegal@esv.vic.gov.au and must be received no later than 5 pm Wednesday 25 March 2010.

Note: Some aspects of the proposed regulations may be replaced by the proposed National Occupational Licensing Law which is proposed to deal with the licensing of electrical occupations from 1 July 2012. While the proposed regulations will continue to regulate the licensing of electrical occupations in Victoria until the commencement of the National Occupational Licensing Law, the proposed regulations and RIS do not deal with nor consider any aspect of the proposed National Occupational Licensing Law. For further information on the proposed National Occupational Licensing Law, contact info@coagskillstaskforce.gov.au

Dated 23 February 2010

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Minister for Energy and Resources

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010

Notice is given that in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010 (proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations are to be made under the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for the requirements, procedures and other matters relating to the clearance of trees and vegetation around electric lines, to reduce the risks of fire and electrocution. The proposed Regulations also provide for other matters relating to the maintenance of electric lines. The proposed Regulations prescribe the Code of Practice for Electric Line Clearance (Code).

The RIS assesses the proposed Regulations as well as identified alternatives on the basis of benefits in relation to public safety, economic activity and the conservation of native and significant flora and fauna, and the expected costs of compliance and administration.

In particular, the RIS examines the costs and benefits of various regulatory options, including remaking the existing regulations and Code, adopting approaches used in other jurisdictions and remaking the regulations and Code with modifications.

The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are preferred to the alternatives and will deliver the greatest net benefits over the life of the proposed Regulations.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from Energy Safe Victoria by contacting Andrew Padanyi on 9203 9700 or via the internet at www.esv.vic.gov.au (click on About ESV>What's New?).

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to Andrew Padanyi, Legal Officer, Energy Safe Victoria, PO Box 262, Collins Street West, Vic. 8007 or emailed to apadanyi@esv.vic.gov.au and must be received no later than 5 pm on Tuesday 25 May 2010.

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