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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Mineral Resources Development (Mining) Amendment 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 in relation to the proposed Mineral Resources Development (Mining) Amendment Regulations 2010 (the proposed Regulations).

The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to amend the Mineral Resources Development Regulations 2002. The proposed Regulations provide for matters relating to work plans, area work plans, reportable events, obligations on declared mines and the payment of the mine stability levy, with respect to mining operations authorised under the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990** (the Act).

The proposed Regulations support the objectives of the Act to ensure:

- an efficient and effective system for the granting of mining licences and other approvals under the Act;
- mineral resources are developed in ways that minimise adverse impacts on the environment and community;
- appropriate enforcement of conditions in mining licences and approvals;
- the health and safety of people is protected in relation to work being done under a mining licence.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and assesses both regulatory and non-regulatory alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The RIS concludes that the benefits of the proposed Regulations outweigh their costs and that the alternatives assessed do not provide a more efficient or effective means of achieving the objectives set out in the proposed Regulations.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from:

- Department of Primary Industries Customer Service Centre by phoning (03) 9658 4440 (between 9.00 am to 5.00 pm); or
- Department of Primary Industries Information Centre (Floor 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm); or
- Department of Primary Industries internet page at www.dpi.vic.gov.au

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and can be emailed to minerals.ris@dpi.vic.gov.au or should be sent to:

Earth Resources Policy Unit
Earth Resources Division
PO Box 4440
Melbourne, Victoria 3001

by no later than 5 pm on 14 June 2010.

Please note that all comments and submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 13 May 2010

THE HONOURABLE PETER BATCHELOR, MP
Minister for Energy and Resources

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