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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011

I, Gordon Rich-Phillips, Assistant Treasurer and Minister responsible for administering the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to make the proposed Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011 (the proposed Regulations).

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Regulations. The objectives of these regulations are to:

- provide for the safety of persons and property in relation to the manufacture, storage, sale, transport, use, disposal and import of explosives;
- provide for the management of risks arising out of security concerns associated with explosives;
- provide for the safe location of vessels containing explosives while in port;
- prohibit the misuse of explosives;
- prescribe matters for the purposes of the Act;
- revoke the former Regulations; and
- make statute law revision and other amendments to the Dangerous Goods (Transport by Road or Rail) Regulations 2008.

The RIS was advertised in the Government Gazette and The Age seeking public comment. The 28 day public comment period started on 18 March 2011. Written submissions in response to the RIS were received and considered.

After consideration of the submissions received, I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with amendments, including:

- clarification that firearms licence holders under the **Firearms Act 1996** will continue to be able to purchase, transport, store and use primers and propellant powders;
- re-insertion of the current medium scale storage licence class;
- re-insertion of the current licensing thresholds for the transport of explosives;
- re-inserting seven days as the notification period for fireworks displays; and
- allowing for pyrotechnicians to have temporary storages of fireworks for up to seven days under prescribed conditions.

Dated 9 June 2011

GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS MLC
Assistant Treasurer

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