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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES (ROOMING HOUSE STANDARDS) REGULATIONS

Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in connection with the proposed Residential Tenancies (Rooming House Standards) Regulations.

The proposed regulations are to be made under sections 142C and 511 of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**.

The primary objective of this proposal is to ensure every rooming house constitutes a safer and more habitable affordable housing option for vulnerable Victorians. Specifically, the proposed regulations aim to reduce:

1. loss of life, injury, and trauma caused by inadequate safety and security provisions in rooming houses; and
2. detrimental effects on comfort and quality of life for residents of rooming houses caused by substandard living conditions.

To achieve this, the RIS recommends creating new regulations to introduce 11 minimum standards. It is proposed these regulations will be called the Residential Tenancies (Rooming House Standards) Regulations. The Government will also develop good practice guides to assist enforcement agencies with enforcement of existing and new regulations.

Written submissions are invited on the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed Regulations and should be addressed to:

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RE: Regulatory Impact Statement – Rooming Houses
Department of Human Services
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or by email to: housing.policy@dhs.vic.gov.au

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations can be obtained by contacting Information Victoria on 1300 366 356 or by downloading a copy from www.dhs.vic.gov.au

All submissions must be received by 5 pm on 14 October 2011. It should be noted that all comments and submissions received will be treated as public comments unless explicitly specified by the submitter.

HON. WENDY LOVELL MLC
Minister for Housing

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