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Notice of Preparation of a Regulatory Impact Statement Legal Profession (Practising Certificate Fees) Regulations 2012

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared to assess the impact of the proposed Legal Profession (Practising Certificate Fees) Regulations 2012. The proposed Regulations are to be made under section 7.2.17 of the **Legal Profession Act 2004**.

Reason for and objectives of the proposed Regulations

The proposed Regulations will address the issue of determining appropriate practising certificate fees for legal practitioners in Victoria. A practising certificate is required under the **Legal Profession Act 2004** for a person to be a legal practitioner in Victoria. The Act requires that an application for a practising certificate be accompanied by the prescribed fee for the certificate. The proposed Regulations set the prescribed fee from 1 July 2012 until 30 June 2017. The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of several options and explains why the proposed Regulations are the preferred solution.

Summary of results of the RIS

The RIS has concluded that practising certificate fees should be set at the following levels:

- 36.50 fee units for a practising certificate authorising the receipt of trust money; and
- 24.71 fee units for a practising certificate not authorising the receipt of trust money.

Availability of the RIS

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

- Legal Services Board reception, Level 10, 330 Collins Street, Melbourne;
- by phoning 03 9679 8000; or
- the Board's website at www.lsb.vic.gov.au/News.htm

Comments

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. Comments must be made in writing to:

Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed
Legal Profession (Practising Certificate Fees) Regulations 2012

Legal Services Board

GPO Box 4937

Melbourne, Vic. 3001

or email: admin@lsb.vic.gov.au

All comments and submissions must be received by no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 20 February 2012. Please note that all comments and submissions will be treated as public documents.

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