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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Environment Protection (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 in relation to the proposed Environment Protection (Fees) Regulations 2012.

The objective of the proposed regulations, which are to be made under the **Environment Protection Act 1970**, is to set the fees payable under that Act.

A RIS has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and possible alternative means of achieving the stated objectives and explains why the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving the stated objectives.

In accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** guidelines, there is no discretion to set fees by another method when the authorising legislation provides for fees to be prescribed by statutory rule. The **Environment Protection Act 1970** provides for fees to be prescribed by statutory rule and as such the options in the RIS focus on the fee design elements rather than considering alternative funding options.

The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are set in accordance with the cost-recovery principles contained in the Victorian Guide to Regulation; do not impose restrictions on competition; do not impose any new reporting or compliance requirements and therefore do not increase the existing regulatory burden and the fee levels are unlikely to impose barriers to entry to small business.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations can be obtained:

- at www.epa.vic.gov.au; or
- by emailing feesregulationsreview@epa.vic.gov.au; or
- by phoning EPA on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

Public comments and submissions are invited on the proposed regulations and RIS. All comments must be in writing and be received no later than 5.00 pm Monday 14 May 2012, via email to: feesregulationsreview@epa.vic.gov.au

or by mail to:

Fees Regulations Review
Policy and Regulation Unit
Environment Protection Authority
GPO Box 4395
Melbourne Victoria 3001

All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

THE HON RYAN SMITH MP
Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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