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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Wildlife Regulations 2013

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 Wildlife Regulations 2013.

The objectives of the proposed Wildlife Regulations 2013 are to provide for the management and conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat; to provide for humane use and access to wildlife; to make further provision in relation to the licensing system established by section 22 of the **Wildlife Act 1975**; to prescribe fees, offences, royalties and various other matters for the purposes of the **Wildlife Act 1975**; and to provide for exemptions from certain provisions of the **Wildlife Act 1975**.

The proposed regulations prescribe licence categories, conditions and fees for the private and commercial possession, use, and trade of wildlife in Victoria. They prescribe record and reporting requirements and offences related to these licences. The proposed regulations also include provisions for the protection of wildlife and its habitat, exemptions for certain persons or activities from offences under the **Wildlife Act 1975** and various other matters required for the purposes of that Act.

The RIS discusses six options for managing the possession, use and trade of wildlife in Victoria. These options cover wildlife taxa listed in the Schedules; reporting requirements and thresholds; licence periods; employee registration; fee design; and licence categories. The RIS concludes that the proposed regulations are the best means of defining and encouraging responsible wildlife possession, trade and use practices and facilitating sustainable and ethical wildlife industries.

The RIS discusses two options for prescribing licence fees; fees based on full cost recovery; and fees based on full cost recovery combined with concessions and public good discounts for some licences. The option of full cost recovery combined with concessions and discounts was considered the most equitable and transparent option for licence fees.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained by visiting DSE's website at www.dse.vic.gov.au or by contacting the Department of Sustainability and Environment on (03) 9637 8025 between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays or the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186. The preferred method of submission is by email to wildlife.regulations2013@dse.vic.gov.au

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying regulations. All comments must be in writing and must be received by no later than 5 pm on Friday 3 May 2013. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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