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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARKS REGULATIONS

Notice of Preparation of a 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 relation to the proposed National Park Regulations 2013.

The proposed Regulations primarily provide for the preservation and protection of the natural and cultural heritage values of parks and prescribe various matters as required by the **National Parks Act 1975**. The regulations will replace the current National Parks (Park) Regulations 2003 and the National Parks (Cape Howe Marine National Park) Regulations 2006.

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the regulations including higher penalties for high risk, high probability offences, performance based standards for camping and hygiene matters and options for the use of wheel chains. The RIS found that the proposed Regulations provide the best means of balancing Government objectives of facilitating the use and enjoyment of parks with the protection and preservation of their natural and cultural values.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from www.depi.vic.gov.au or by calling the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (between 8 am and 6 pm weekdays).

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the RIS and the proposed Regulations.

All comments must be in writing and must be received at the following address or emailed to park.regulations@depi.vic.gov.au by 5 pm, Monday 19 August 2013.

Legislation Unit
Land Management Policy Division
Department of Environment and Primary Industries
PO Box 500
East Melbourne, Victoria 8002

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 17 July

RYAN SMITH MP
Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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