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NOTICE OF DECISION

Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014

I, Kim Wells MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Minister responsible for administering the **Country Fire Authority Act 1958**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to recommend to the Governor in Council that the proposed Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014 ('the proposed Regulations') be made.

A Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed Regulations was released for public comment on 20 August until 17 September 2014. Two public submissions were received in response to the Regulatory Impact Statement.

I have reviewed the submissions received and the proposed Regulations will be made with the following amendments:

- A regulation explicitly stating the responsibilities of a forestry industry brigade has been reinstated, to make it clear that forestry industry brigades are responsible for fire suppression on their plantation holdings.
- The regulation that relates to designating a forestry industry brigade has been amended to better reflect the intended scale of activity that will give rise to the designation of an area; and to make it clear that designated areas for different forestry industry brigades should not overlap.
- The requirement to supply reasons for a decision or determination under Part 3 has been removed and the proposed Regulations maintain the notification requirements in the existing Country Fire Authority Regulations 2004.
- Other minor changes have been made to modernise the expression of certain regulations and ensure internal consistency in the use of terms.

After the proposed Regulations are made, they will become available for download from www.legislation.vic.gov.au, or may be purchased from SAI Global Bookshop, Unit 3, 18 Salmon Street, Port Melbourne 3207, or telephone 131 242.

KIM WELLS MP
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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