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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Sex Work (Fees) Regulations 2014

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 Sex Work (Fees) Regulations 2014.

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Sex Work Act 1994** (the Act), would revoke the Sex Work (Fees) Regulations 2004, and prescribe new fees relating to the licensed sex work industry, such as the sex work service provider licence application fee, annual licence fee and fee for application for approval of brothel manager.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to prescribe a new fee structure and fee amounts that appropriately reflect the costs of efficiently administering the Act, while recognising the impact that price pressures may have on the viability of a regulated sex work industry.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed fees and possible alternatives, taking into account efficiency, equity, effectiveness and simplicity. The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations represent the preferred approach, and that none of the alternative options provides a better means of achieving the objective of the Regulations.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by visiting the Consumer Affairs Victoria website at http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/sexworkfeesris; or by telephoning Consumer Affairs Victoria, Regulation and Policy Division, on (03) 8684 6484.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing, and should be marked 'Sex Work (Fees) RIS', and received at one of the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on 21 May 2014.

By post to: Sex work fees RIS, Consumer Affairs Victoria, GPO Box 123, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

By email to: cav.consultations@justice.vic.gov.au

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents, unless the person making the comment or submission requests that it not be publicly available.

HON. HEIDI VICTORIA MP Minister for Consumer Affairs

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