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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the draft proposed Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017.

These Regulations are proposed to replace the existing Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007 which expire (sunset) on 26 June 2017 in accordance with section 5 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The Department of Education and Training has prepared the draft proposed Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017, which are proposed to come into operation on 25 June 2017. This RIS is concerned with these draft proposed Regulations.

The objectives of the draft proposed Regulations are:

- (a) to regulate the conduct of school education, including prescribing the minimum standards for the registration of a Government or non-Government school; and
- (b) to prescribe the procedures and requirements for school registration; and
- (c) to provide for admission and attendance and policies for student engagement at Government schools; and
- (d) to provide for the age requirements for enrolment and attendance at Government schools and participation in programs and courses of study at Government schools; and
- (e) to provide for the conduct of school councils in Government schools; and
- (f) to provide for parents' clubs and fundraising in Government schools; and
- (g) to prescribe procedures for and requirements of registration of children for home schooling; and
- (h) to prescribe the minimum standards and procedures for the registration of persons, bodies or schools to –
 - (i) provide an accredited course; or
 - (ii) award, confer or issue a registered qualification; and
- (i) to provide for matters relating to dispute resolution and student welfare schemes; and
- (j) to set out the role of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority in investigating certain complaints; and
- (k) to provide for the approval of transport services and the grant of travelling allowances for students; and
- (l) to provide for the grant of scholarships; and
- (m) to provide for other matters necessary to give effect to the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**.

The RIS, after examining a number of options, concludes that the remaking of the existing Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007, subject to some amendments, represents the most cost effective and efficient means of meeting the objectives of the Regulations. Proposed amendments relate to home schooling, parents' clubs, registration of Government and non-Government schools, and other smaller improvements to other areas covered by the existing Regulations.

SPECIAL

Public comments or submissions are invited on the RIS and accompanying draft proposed Regulations. Copies of these documents may be obtained from the Department of Education and Training webpage at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/> (Select 'Education and Training Reform Regulations – public call for submissions' under the 'Our Department' tab).

Written comments or submissions will be received up to 5.00 pm on 28 February 2017 at the following address:

Department of Education and Training
Regulation Review
GPO Box 4367
Melbourne 3001

or via email to: det.regulation.review@edumail.vic.gov.au

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries regarding the content of the RIS and/or draft proposed Regulations should be directed to the Department of Education and Training on (03) 9637 3076.

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