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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pipelines Regulations 2017

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

The objectives of the proposed Pipelines Regulations 2017 are to:

- Provide for the reporting of safety and environmental incidents in relation to pipeline operations
- Prescribe standards for the construction and operation of pipelines
- Prescribe matters to be contained in Safety Management Plans
- Prescribe matters to be contained in Environment Management Plans and
- Prescribe various forms, fees and procedures authorised by the **Pipelines Act 2005**.

The proposed regulations are designed to streamline administrative process, reduce red tape and improve risk management, safety and reporting and provides for:

- The reporting of safety and environmental incidents
- Standards for construction and operation of pipelines
- Specifications for Safety Management Plans, Environmental Management Plans and Decommissioning Plans
- Licencing procedures, application processes and forms
- Fees to improve cost recovery for government and administration efficiencies.

The RIS discusses four options in remaking the Regulations:

- Continue with the status quo
- Make minor amendments in the existing regulations
- Forego regulations by using non-binding guidelines and
- Licence conditions to specify regulatory requirements.

The option based on making minor amendments to the regulations provides the most effective, efficient and transparent approach.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained by visiting the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) website at www.delwp.vic.gov.au/energy or by contacting Don Hough, Director Pipeline Regulation on (03) 9637 8443 or the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186. The preferred method of submission is by email to pipeline.regulation@delwp.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 10 February 2017. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

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