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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, are intended to replace the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2015, which expire on 28 June 2020.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- (a) prescribe the Code of Practice for Electric Line Clearance;
- (b) prescribe –
  - (i) standards and practices to be adopted and observed in tree cutting or removal in the vicinity of electric lines and the keeping of the whole or any part of a tree clear of electric lines;
  - (ii) a standard and practices to protect the health of trees that require cutting in accordance with the Code of Practice;
  - (iii) a requirement that certain responsible persons prepare management procedures to minimise the danger of trees contacting electric lines and causing fire or electrocution;
  - (iv) other matters for or with respect to the maintenance of electric lines;
- (c) provide for management plans relating to compliance with the Code of Practice;
- (d) provide for other matters authorised under the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** relating to electric line clearance; and
- (e) make consequential amendment of the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013.

The RIS examines the impact of the proposed Regulations and a possible alternative, and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of balancing the benefits of community safety, protection of the amenity value of trees and the reliability of electricity supply, against the cost of complying with the Code of Practice and the Regulations.

You can obtain a copy of the RIS and a consultation draft of the proposed Regulations by:

- downloading them at [www.esv.vic.gov.au](http://www.esv.vic.gov.au) or
- calling Energy Safe Victoria on (03) 9203 9700.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on the RIS and the proposed Regulations.

All comments must be in writing and received no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 6 March 2020 by:

- email to – [Consultation@energysafe.vic.gov.au](mailto:Consultation@energysafe.vic.gov.au)
- post to – RIS Submissions  
Risk, Regulatory Planning and Policy  
Energy Safe Victoria  
PO Box 262,  
Collins Street West, Victoria 8007.

All submissions will be treated as public documents and may be published on ESV's website. Personal information will be removed prior to publication.

Dated 4 November 2019

HON. LILY D'AMBROSIO  
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