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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Control of Weapons Regulations 2021

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services gives notice 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 Control of Weapons Regulations 2021 (the proposed Regulations).

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to remake the Control of Weapons Regulations 2011 (sunsetting Regulations) with amendments to prescribe certain matters necessary for the effective implementation of the **Control of Weapons Act 1990** (the Act).

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to prescribe –

- (a) certain articles as prohibited weapons and as controlled weapons;
- (b) certain garments or items as body armour;
- (c) categories of documents that a person may produce as evidence of identity when purchasing a prohibited weapon;
- (d) the form of record and the information to be kept in a record of every sale of a prohibited weapon;
- (e) fees to accompany an application for an approval under the Act; and
- (f) the particulars to be included in a record of a search conducted without warrant under the Act.

The RIS has been prepared in accordance with the Victorian Guide to Regulation, which provides a step-by-step guide to preparing a RIS. The purpose of this RIS is to –

- (a) establish the nature and extent of the problems that would exist if the sunsetting Regulations were not remade;
- (b) articulate the desired objectives of addressing the identified problem;
- (c) identify a set of viable options to address the established problem;
- (d) assess the impacts of these options, and the expected effectiveness of each option in addressing the problem;
- (e) identify and describe a preferred option to achieve the desired objectives; and
- (f) develop an implementation plan and evaluation strategy for the preferred option.

The result of the RIS is that the proposed Regulations are the preferred option to achieve the objectives stated in the RIS.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at www.engage.vic.gov.au/control-of-weapons-regulations-2021

Public comments on the RIS and the proposed Regulations must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Thursday 16 September 2021 via the Engage Victoria website.

All submissions will be treated as public documents and will be published on the Engage Victoria website unless the submission clearly indicates that the submission is confidential.

Dated 13 August 2021

HON. DANNY PEARSON MP
Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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