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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Precursor Supply) Regulations 2021

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 Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Precursor Supply) Regulations 2021 (the proposed Regulations).

These Regulations are proposed to replace the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances (Precursor Supply) Regulations 2010, which will cease operation on 25 October 2021.

The proposed Regulations will prescribe, for the purposes of Part VB of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** –

1. schedules of precursor chemicals and precursor apparatus; and
2. the information that must be included in an end user declaration.

Precursors are industrial chemicals and scientific laboratory equipment at risk of being diverted to the manufacture of illicit drugs in clandestine laboratories. Part VB of the Act requires precursor suppliers to obtain end user declarations from purchasers before supplying precursor items, to keep end user declarations and related records, and to allow police to inspect records on request.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are –

1. to deter the diversion of precursor chemicals and apparatus to illicit drug production by prescribing the chemicals and equipment to which precursor controls must be applied; and
2. to help police track and investigate potential or suspected cases of precursor diversion by ensuring that end user declarations contain the appropriate information.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives. It concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means to achieve the objectives outlined above.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Victorian Government's consultation website Engage Victoria at [www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au) or by emailing [precursorsupplyregulations@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:precursorsupplyregulations@justice.vic.gov.au).

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and be received no later than 5 pm on Monday 6 September through the Engage Victoria website, or by email to [precursorsupplyregulations@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:precursorsupplyregulations@justice.vic.gov.au), or by mail to: Precursor Supply Regulations Consultation, Police Policy and Strategy, Department of Justice and Community Safety, Level 21, 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

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.

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