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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Water (Lake Eildon Recreational Area) (Houseboats) Regulations 2013

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 Water (Lake Eildon Recreational Area) (Houseboats) Regulations 2013. It is intended that these will replace the current regulations which will sunset after 10 years' operation on 27 May 2013.

The proposed Regulations would provide for –

- the control and management of houseboats in the Lake Eildon Recreational Area; and
- the prescribing of fees for the administration of licences in respect of houseboats.

The key new requirement of the proposed Regulations would be that on and from 1 July 2020, all houseboats will be required to have on-board greywater treatment systems. The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations such as restrictions on houseboating activity, or no regulation of that activity at all. The proposed Regulations provide the best means of balancing Government objectives of facilitating houseboating on Lake Eildon and encouraging the economic benefits that it brings to the area whilst preserving water quality in the lake. With regard to greywater treatment systems, the RIS has concluded that there is a net economic cost to the community. However, Government has taken broader considerations into account including water quality and health concerns and intends to implement this requirement for greywater treatment systems for the reasons outlined in the RIS.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from www.water.vic.gov.au/houseboat-regulations or by phoning the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' customer service centre on 136 186 (between 8 am and 6 pm weekdays).

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations.

All comments must be in writing and must be received at the following address or emailed to water.regulations@dse.vic.gov.au by 5 pm on Friday 17 May 2013.

Project Officer – Houseboat Regulations
Rural Water Programs
Department of Environment and Primary Industries
PO Box 500
East Melbourne 3002

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 16 April 2013

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