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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Determination of Taxi Zone Boundaries 2014

Notice is given under section 12I of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the determination of taxi-cab zone boundaries.

The proposed determination is made under section 143B of the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983**, as amended by the **Transport Legislation Amendment (Foundation Taxi and Hire Car Reforms) Act 2013**, which will commence operation on or before 1 July 2014.

The objective of the proposed determination is to provide a geographic administrative framework for the issue of commercial passenger vehicle licences in Victoria, and the operation of licensed vehicles, in accordance with the requirements and objectives of the **Transport Legislation Amendment (Foundation Taxi and Hire Car Reforms) Act 2013**.

The determination achieves this objective by:

- amending the boundaries of the existing metropolitan taxi-cab zone to align with statistical area boundaries devised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and published in Australian Statistical Geography Standard, July 2011 (statistical area boundaries) to create the Melbourne Metropolitan Zone;
- amalgamating the existing outer suburban taxi-cab zone, the existing Port Phillip taxi-cab zone, and the existing urban (Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo) taxi-cab zones, and amending boundaries to align with statistical area boundaries, to create the Urban and Large Regional Zone;
- creating the new Regional Zone, which includes significant regional Victorian centres and areas and areas adjacent to the Melbourne Metropolitan Zone, with boundaries derived from statistical area boundaries;
- determining that all other areas of Victoria form the Country Zone.

The RIS assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed determination and possible alternative means of achieving the stated objectives and explains why the proposed determination is the preferred option. The RIS concludes that the determination sets out the optimal arrangement to meet the objectives.

Details of the new boundaries and a copy of the RIS may be obtained by visiting www.taxi.vic.gov.au/newtaxizones or the Taxi Services Commission Customer Service Centre at Level 23, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne. Members of the public are invited to make submissions in response to the RIS. Submissions should be emailed to taxireform@taxi.vic.gov.au or posted to the Taxi Services Commission, GPO Box 1716, Melbourne 3001.

Submissions on the proposed regulations and the RIS are to be submitted no later than 5 pm on 15 April 2014. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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