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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2014

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 proposed Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2014.

The proposed regulations will be made under section 129 of the **Supreme Court Act 1986**. The proposal is to amend certain fees in the Supreme Court of Victoria to ensure that reforms in the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal are funded into the future.

Objectives

The objective of these regulations is to prescribe certain amended fees to be paid by court users in respect of matters in the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal.

The RIS explains that the basis for increasing fees is to fund the ongoing costs of reforms in the Commercial Court and in the Court of Appeal. The RIS examines a range of options for increasing the fees paid by court users in the Commercial Court and in the Court of Appeal.

The preferred option in respect of the Commercial Court is for targeted fee increases so that costs are levied on those services that have been significantly enhanced. This approach ensures that the current reforms can be maintained and that fees are better aligned with the costs incurred by the Court in providing those services.

The preferred option in respect of the Court of Appeal is to introduce a single commencement fee and to adjust other fees where there is a very low level of cost recovery.

Submissions

Submissions on the RIS and proposed regulations are invited, and must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 4 July 2014. The submissions will be considered before the proposed regulations are made. Please note that submissions are subject to the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** and copies will be provided to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee.

Email submissions are preferred and can be sent to: legalpolicysubmissions@justice.vic.gov.au with the subject 'Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations'.

Alternatively, submissions can be made by post, marked 'Supreme Court (Fees) Amendment Regulations' and addressed to:

Manager
Courts Policy
Civil Justice Division
Department of Justice
GPO Box 4356
Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

Copies of the RIS and proposed regulations can be obtained from the Department of Justice website at www.justice.vic.gov.au/ris

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