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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014

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 Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014.

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Country Fire Authority Act 1958** (the Act), would revoke the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2004, and provide for a range of matters that relate to the governance and administration of the Country Fire Authority (the Authority) and brigades, as well as for fire prevention, and the fees that may be charged by the Authority.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to provide for the proceedings of the Authority; management of Authority officers and employees; management and administration of brigades and forestry industry brigades; issuing of permits to burn and other fire prevention measures; financial arrangements of and fees and charges levied by the Authority; compensation for brigade members, casual firefighters and volunteer auxiliary workers; alarm monitoring information requirements; and other matters authorised by the Act.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and possible alternatives, taking into account efficiency, equity, effectiveness and simplicity. The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations represent the preferred approach, and that none of the alternative options provide a better means of achieving the objectives of the proposed Regulations. The RIS specifically invites stakeholder comment on the proposed Regulations and alternatives.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained by visiting the Emergency Management Victoria website at <http://www.emv.vic.gov.au> or by telephoning Emergency Management Victoria on (03) 8684 8157.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing, and should be marked 'Country Fire Authority RIS' and received at one of the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on 17 September 2014.

By post to: Pierre Andipatin, Senior Legal Policy Officer, Emergency Management Victoria, GPO Box 4386, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

By email to: Pierre.Andipatin@emv.vic.gov.au

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.

HON. KIM WELLS MP
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