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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED WILDLIFE (STATE GAME RESERVES) REGULATIONS 2014

Notice of Preparation of a Regulatory Impact Statement

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 Wildlife (State Game Reserves) Regulations 2014.

The proposed Regulations primarily provide for the management of state game reserves established under the **Wildlife Act 1975**, the preservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat within state game reserves with particular emphasis on indigenous game species, the hunting, taking or destroying of certain game species within state game reserves during open seasons, and the safety, enjoyment and recreation of visitors to state game reserves.

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the regulations including an education campaign and voluntary codes of conduct. The RIS found that the proposed Regulations provide the best means of balancing government objectives of facilitating the use and enjoyment of state game reserves with the protection and preservation of wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/GameReservesRIS or by calling the Department of Environment and Primary Industries' Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (between 8 am and 6 pm weekdays).

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on the RIS and the proposed Regulations.

All comments must be in writing and must be received at the following address or emailed to stategame.reserves@depi.vic.gov.au by 5 pm, Tuesday 30 September 2014.

Legislation Unit Land Management Policy Division Department of Environment and Primary Industries PO Box 500 East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 2 September 2014

RYAN SMITH MP Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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