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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Radiation Amendment Regulations

Proposed Specification of Security Standards

Proposed Specification of Additional Matters to be Included in
Security Plans and Transport Security Plans

Proposed Guidelines for the Verification of Identity

Notice is given in accordance with sections 11 and 12I of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Radiation Amendment Regulations and three legislative instruments, being –

- the proposed specification of security standards;
- the proposed specification of additional matters to be included in security plans and transport security plans; and
- the proposed guidelines for the verification of identity.

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Radiation Act 2005** (the Act), will prescribe certain matters needed to implement parts of the **Radiation Amendment Act 2013** relating to the security of high consequence sealed sources and high consequence groups of sealed sources. The proposed Regulations will also revoke parts of the existing regulations relating to fees for transfer and variations to certain types of authorities as well as other minor amendments.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to prescribe matters to give effect to the **Radiation Amendment Act 2013** and to make other minor and technical amendments.

The legislative instruments are all required as part of the implementation of certain reforms contained in the **Radiation Amendment Act 2013**. The legislative instruments will:

- specify security standards in accordance with section 67N of the Act;
- specify additional matters to be addressed by security plans and transport security plans in accordance with section 67C(2) of the Act; and
- make guidelines on evidence as to identity in accordance with section 67A of the Act.

The Regulatory Impact Statement assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and legislative instruments and possible alternatives. Four options were assessed based on their capacity to mitigate the relevant security threats associated with radioactive materials. The preferred option is to make the proposed Regulations and legislative instruments. This option meets Victoria's national obligations to implement the Code of Practice, and so provides benefits by mitigating the security threats relating to radioactive materials. It also provides certainty to prospective management licence holders that the construction of a new facility or modification of an existing facility is authorised and that potentially expensive retro-fitting of security measures can be avoided. The estimated cost (NPV) of this option over the three years until the regulations sunset is \$4.86 m.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement, the proposed Regulations and the legislative instruments are available on the Department of Health and Human Services website at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/radiation> or by telephoning the Department on 1300 767 469.

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Public comments are invited on the Regulatory Impact Statement, the proposed Regulations and the legislative instruments. All comments must be in writing, and should be marked 'Radiation Amendment Regulations', and received at one of the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on 27 February 2015:

By post to: Radiation Amendment Regulations,
Department of Health and Human Services,
GPO Box 4541,
Melbourne, Victoria 3001

By email to: radiation.safety@health.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.

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