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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Draft Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2015

In accordance with sections 11 and 12I of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, I, Jill Hennessy, Minister for Health, give notice of the preparation of a regulatory impact statement in relation to draft Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2015 (proposed Regulations).

The reason for the proposed Regulations, to be made under section 56 of the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003**, is to continue to make further provision for the supply of safe drinking water. The proposed Regulations will replace the Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2005.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to:

- a) Protect public health through provision of safe drinking water
- b) Retain public confidence in drinking water supplies
- c) Promote equity through equal access to safe drinking water
- d) Provide for other matters necessary for the purposes of the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003**.

The regulatory impact statement assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives. The preferred option is for proposed regulations that continue to support the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003** and provide strengthened requirements for risk management plans and drinking water quality standards. The benefit of this option will maintain drinking water quality while reducing regulatory burden. The estimated incremental cost (Present Value) of this option over ten years until the regulations sunset is \$2.9 m.

If you wish to comment on the regulatory impact statement and draft Regulations please forward a written submission by no later than 5.00 pm on 2 April 2015:

via email to: water@health.vic.gov.au

or via post to: Manager Water
Department of Health and Human Services
GPO Box 4541
Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

All submissions will be treated as public documents and published on the Department of Health and Human Services website, unless the submission clearly indicates the submission is confidential.

A copy of the regulatory impact statement and draft Regulations can be obtained from the Department of Health and Human Services:

- at <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/water/drinkingwater/review.htm>; or
- by emailing water@health.vic.gov.au; or
- by phoning the department on 1300 761 874.

HON. JILL HENNESSY MP
Minister for Health

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