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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2015

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 Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2015.

These Regulations are proposed to replace the existing Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2005 which sunset on 21 June 2015 in accordance with section 5 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

VicRoads has prepared the draft Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2015, which are proposed to come into operation on 21 June 2015. This RIS is concerned with these proposed Regulations.

The overall objective of the proposed Regulations is to provide for an exemption from the consent for works within the road reserve requirements under the **Road Management Act 2004** for certain classes of infrastructure and works which do not have significant impacts on road safety, traffic or other infrastructure. The Regulations also prescribe fees for applications for consent.

To achieve the overall objective, the proposed Regulations:

- (a) prescribe exemptions from the requirement to obtain consent under section 63(1) of the **Road Management Act 2004** before conducting certain works;
- (b) prescribe exemptions from the requirement to give notice as to the conduct or completion of certain works;
- (c) prescribe restrictions on the powers of a coordinating road authority to impose conditions on consents given under clause 16 of Schedule 7 to the **Road Management Act 2004**;
- (d) vary periods referred to in Schedule 7 to the **Road Management Act 2004** within which certain notices must be given or consent is to be taken to have been given;
- (e) prescribe particulars for the purpose of clause 16 of Schedule 7 to the **Road Management** Act 2004; and
- (f) prescribe fees for applications under Schedule 7 to the **Road Management Act 2004** for written consent to the conduct of proposed works on a road.

The RIS, after examining a number of options, concludes that the remaking of the existing Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2005, subject to minor amendments to some of the definitions designed to improve their understanding and implementation, is the preferred option (being Option 2 in the RIS) that represents the most cost effective and efficient means of meeting the objectives of the Regulations.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained from the VicRoads webpage at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au (select 'Acts and regulations' under the 'About VicRoads' tab); email: RMBresponses@roads.vic.gov.au, or telephone: (03) 9854 2762.

Written submissions will be received up to 5.00 pm on Friday, 15 May 2015 at the following address: Director – Network Policy and Standards, VicRoads, Level 10, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, or by email to: RMBresponses@roads.vic.gov.au. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Any enquiries regarding the content of the RIS should be directed to VicRoads on 9854 2762.

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