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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Further Amendment Regulations 2015

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Further Amendment Regulations 2015.

The proposed regulations, to be made under the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, will amend the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013.

The objective of the proposed regulations is to amend the Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013 to make provision for requirements for major electricity companies to increase safety standards on specific components of their networks in order to reduce bushfire risk.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations and possible alternatives. The RIS concludes that the proposed regulations provide significant reduction in public exposure to powerline bushfire risk, and provide an improvement to power supply reliability, whilst constraining consumer costs to the lowest possible level. The proposed regulations are consistent with Recommendation 27 of the 2010 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, and the subsequent 2011 Victorian Government response to this recommendation.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained by visiting the Energy and Earth Resources website at www.energyandresources.vic.gov.au/bushfiremitigation or by telephoning the Powerline Bushfire Safety Regulatory Program Manager on (03) 9092 1883.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed regulations. Comments must be in writing and should be marked 'Bushfire Mitigation RIS'. Comments must be received at one of the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on 22 December 2015.

In writing:

Bushfire Mitigation RIS,
Powerline Bushfire Safety Program,
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