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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Regulations 2016

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Fees) Regulations 2016.

The proposed regulations will be made under section 161 of the **Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998**. The proposal is to restructure the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's (VCAT) fees so as to maximise cost recovery from larger corporate and government users while minimising the potential for fees to become a barrier to justice for other users.

Objectives

The objective of these regulations is to allow VCAT to continue to charge fees once the current regulations expire, and to do so on an equitable basis which balances Government's objectives in recovering the costs incurred in providing services while promoting fair and increased access to justice.

The RIS explains the results of modelling undertaken by VCAT to identify the costs of its various activities, and considers models for future costs recovery. The preferred option creates a three tiered system with differentiated fees for different categories of users.

Submissions

Submissions on the RIS and proposed regulations are invited, and must be received no later than 5.00 pm on MONDAY 2 MAY 2016. The submissions will be considered before the proposed regulations are made. Please note that submissions are subject to the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** and copies will be provided to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee.

The My Views website is the preferred method for receiving submissions, and can be found at: <http://myviews.justice.vic.gov.au/vcat-fees-regulations-2016>

Alternatively, submissions can be made by email, and can be sent to vcatfees2016@justice.vic.gov.au with the subject 'VCAT (Fees) Regulations 2016'.

Finally, submissions can also be received by post, marked 'VCAT (Fees) Regulations 2016' and addressed to:

Director
Dispute Resolution
Civil Justice Division
Department of Justice and Regulation
Level 24, 121 Exhibition Street
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Copies of the RIS and proposed regulations can be obtained from the Department of Justice and Regulation's My Views website at <http://myviews.justice.vic.gov.au/vcat-fees-regulations-2016>

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