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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Order-in-Council for establishment of f-factor Incentive Scheme 2016.

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Order-in-Council (Order) for the establishment of an f-factor Incentive Scheme.

The objective of the proposed Order is to revoke the previous f-factor Incentive Scheme Order that commenced on 23 June 2011, and to provide for the establishment of a new f-factor Incentive Scheme that targets incentives towards ignitions that pose the greatest risk of harm through the use of ignition risk units (IRUs). The f-factor Incentive Scheme is intended to better provide distribution businesses with an incentive to lower the number of fire starts in their networks in Victoria, and to enhance safety outcomes from the optimal allocation of existing resources.

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Order and possible alternatives. The RIS concludes that the preferred option is to replace the existing scheme with a symmetric, benchmarked scheme that places a different value on each fire according to the risk associated with the time and location of the ignition.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Order may be obtained by visiting the Energy and Earth Resources website at [www.haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/f-factor-incentive-scheme](http://www.haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/f-factor-incentive-scheme) or by telephoning the Powerline Bushfire Safety Regulatory Senior Policy Officer on (03) 8392 7652.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Order. Comments must be in writing and should be marked 'f-factor Incentive Scheme Order 2016'. Comments must be received at one of the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 7 November 2016.

In writing:

F-Factor incentive Scheme RIS  
Powerline Bushfire Safety Program  
GPO Box 2392  
Melbourne, Victoria 3001

Electronically:

[f.factor@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:f.factor@delwp.vic.gov.au)

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