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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017

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 proposed Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** (the Act), prescribe certain matters needed to implement parts of the Act concerning the regulation of drugs, poisons and controlled substances. The proposed Regulations also revoke the existing regulations which sunset in May 2017 following an extension pursuant to section 5A(3) of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to facilitate and enhance the safe and secure storage, sale, supply, prescribing, administration and use of drugs, poisons and controlled substances by registered practitioners, authorised persons, licensed or permitted persons and the public. The proposed Regulations will prescribe fees relating to the provision of licences and permits issued under the Act and forms and other matters necessary for the purposes of the Act and Regulations.

The RIS presents the cost to industry of implementing the proposed Regulations, the expected financial and social benefits and alternative regulatory approaches for controlling the use and supply of drugs, poisons and controlled substances.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/drugs-and-poisons> or by telephoning Drugs and Poisons Regulation on 1300 364 545.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be marked 'DPCS Regulation Review'.

Comments must be received no later than 5 pm on Thursday 20 April 2017 via email to: dpcs@dhhs.vic.gov.au or by mail to: Project Manager, DPCS Regulation Review, Department of Health, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000.

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents, unless the person making the comment or submission requests that it not be publicly available.

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