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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 (Section 12)

NOTICE OF DECISION

Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017

I, James Merlino, Minister for Education, and I, Gayle Tierney, Minister for Training and Skills, both Ministers jointly and severally responsible for administering the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**, give notice in accordance with section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of our decision to make the proposed Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 (the proposed Regulations).

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Regulations. The RIS was advertised in the Government Gazette, the Herald Sun and The Age seeking public comment. The 69 day public consultation period commenced on 21 December 2016 and ended on 28 February 2017. In response to the RIS, 549 written submissions were received and all were considered.

After consideration of the submissions received, we have decided that the proposed Regulations be made with the following amendments:

- (a) In the consultation draft, regulation 14(2) required a principal of a Government school to seek the Secretary's approval in writing before temporarily closing a Government school due to an emergency. Recognising that written approval may not always be practicable in an emergency, regulation 14(2) no longer requires that the approval be in writing.
- (b) In the consultation draft, regulation 58(2) provided a Government school council not reject a fundraising activity until it has considered a recommendation by a committee comprising specified representatives. Regulation 58(2) has been clarified to provide that the school council must not reject a 'proposed' fundraising activity.
- (c) In the consultation draft, regulation 72(2) prescribed timeframes for applying for registration for home schooling and required a student of compulsory school age to remain enrolled at and attend a registered school until the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (the Authority) notifies the applicant that the Authority approves the registration for home schooling. Two additional notes have been inserted under regulation 72 to inform the reader of the reasonable excuses permitted by or under the Act for a child's non-attendance at a registered school (eg, because the child is ill).
- (d) In the consultation draft, regulation 77 required a parent responsible for home schooling a student to notify the Authority of any changes to the information provided in, or accompanying, an application for registration for home schooling under regulation 72. Regulation 77 has been redrafted to confine the notification requirement to changes to name, address and contact details, and changes to parental responsibility and care arrangements for the student.
- (e) In the consultation draft, regulation 119(2) referred incorrectly to '1 January 2018' as the commencement date for the revised minimum standards for schools registered immediately before the revocation of the 2007 Regulations. The correct commencement date is 1 July 2018.
- (f) There have also been some minor formatting and typographical changes.

Dated 7 June 2017

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