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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2017

In accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** (SLA), I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture, and Minister responsible for administering the **Fisheries Act 1995** give notice of the preparation of a regulatory impact statement (RIS) in accordance with section 7 of the SLA in relation to the proposed Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2017 (the proposed Regulations).

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to set fees, royalties and levies to ensure fishers continue to pay for the use of Victoria's fisheries resource and services provided by the government. These charges are currently set under the existing Fisheries (Fees, Royalties and Levies) Regulations 2008, which expire on 30 January 2018 under section 5 of the SLA.

The policy objectives to be achieved by the proposed Regulations are:

1. To ensure an appropriate amount of revenue is raised from recreational fishing licences to fund projects that benefit recreational fishing through the Trust Account, and allow an appropriate share of the costs of regulating the recreational fishing sector to be met from the Trust Account, consistent with improving the opportunities for recreational fishing in Victoria.
2. To recover an appropriate share of the costs of services provided to, or because of, the commercial fishing sector, including fisheries management services, compliance activities, and licence administration costs.
3. To recover an appropriate value from abalone fisheries through charging a royalty on quota units.

The RIS examined the impact of a number of alternatives to the proposed Regulations against the government's policy objectives, and principles such as accountability, efficiency and equity. The RIS concluded that remaking the current levies and royalties without significant change, and amending the fees for transactions (predominantly by reducing them) to align with the estimated cost of each transaction, is the most efficient means of achieving the objectives.

Comments on the RIS and proposed Regulations are invited. Copies of the proposed Regulations and accompanying RIS may be obtained online at engage.vic.gov.au/fisheries-ris-2017; or by phoning the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (between 8 am and 6 pm).

All submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS must be in writing and include the submitter's name, address, affiliation (where appropriate) and a contact email address. Submissions can be made online at engage.vic.gov.au/fisheries-ris-2017; by email to FisheriesFRLRegs.RIS@ecodev.vic.gov.au; or by post to:

Fisheries FRL Regulations RIS
care of Domestic Animals, Fisheries, Forestry and Game Policy
Level 26, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne 3001.

Comments or submissions must be received by no later than 5 pm on 3 October 2017. All submissions will be treated as public documents and may be published on the DEDJTR website unless the submission clearly indicates the submission is confidential.

JAALA PULFORD MP
Minister for Agriculture

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