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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2018

In accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, I, Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, give notice of the preparation of a regulatory impact statement for the proposed Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2018 (Proposed Regulations).

The reason for the Proposed Regulations is to protect people from unreasonable noise from residential premises by replacing the Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2008 (Current Regulations), which will expire on 14 October 2018. The objectives of the Proposed Regulations are to:

- (a) prescribe items and times during which noise resulting from the use of those items is taken to be unreasonable noise for the purposes of section 48A(5) of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**; and
- (b) exempt certain premises in certain circumstances from the application of those prescriptions.

The regulatory impact statement finds the preferred option is to re-make the Current Regulations with the following amendments:

- (a) provide an exemption to allow residents to use air conditioners and evaporative coolers on days when a Heat Health Alert has been declared by the Chief State Health Officer; and
- (b) amend the prohibited times for using air conditioners and evaporative coolers to before 7.00 am and after 11.00 pm on weekdays, and before 9.00 am and after 11.00 pm on weekends and public holidays. The prohibited times for these items in the Current Regulations are before 7.00 am and after 10.00 pm on weekdays, and before 9.00 am and after 10.00 pm on weekends and public holidays.

Public submissions are invited on the regulatory impact statement and the Proposed Regulations. Submissions must be received by EPA no later than 5.00 pm on Monday 18 June 2018.

Submit via email to: residential.noise@epa.vic.gov.au or

on the website: <https://engage.vic.gov.au> or

by mail to: Residential Noise Regulatory Impact Statement

c/o Policy and Regulation Unit

EPA Victoria

GPO Box 4395

Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

All submissions will be treated as public documents and published on EPA's website unless the submission clearly indicates in bold text that the submission is confidential.

A copy of the regulatory impact statement and Proposed Regulations can be obtained

at Engage Victoria <https://engage.vic.gov.au> or

by emailing residential.noise@epa.vic.gov.au or

by phoning EPA on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

LILY D'AMBROSIO

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

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