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PROPOSED DANGEROUS GOODS (TRANSPORT BY ROAD OR RAIL) REGULATIONS 2018

Notice of Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Dangerous Goods (Transport by Road or Rail) Regulations 2018 (proposed Regulations).

Copies of the proposed Regulations and RIS will be available for public review and comment from Tuesday 26 June 2018. The closing date for submissions is close of business Monday 23 July 2018.

The proposed Regulations will replace the Dangerous Goods (Transport by Road or Rail) Regulations 2008 (existing Regulations) which are due to expire on 16 December 2018.

The proposed Regulations further the objects of the **Dangerous Goods Act 1985** by providing for the safe transport of dangerous goods by ensuring that dangerous goods are packed, marked and labelled appropriately, vehicles transporting dangerous goods are loaded and unloaded safely; vehicles transporting dangerous goods are adequately maintained, placarded and licenced and carry the appropriate emergency mitigation equipment and plans; and that drivers of vehicles containing dangerous goods are appropriately licensed and trained in the transport and management of dangerous goods, including the management of incidents and emergency situations.

The proposed Regulations will largely remake the existing Regulations, with a number of improvements to streamline and modernise the regulations and to better align with the model regulatory framework for the transport of dangerous goods nationally.

The costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations are considered in the RIS, which has been prepared by Deloitte Access Economics.

The RIS discusses possible alternatives to the proposed Regulations and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving the stated objectives of reducing the risk of personal injury, death, property damage and environmental harm arising from the transport of dangerous goods and giving effect to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

The RIS identifies that the total cost to industry of complying with the proposed Regulations is estimated to be \$6,246,912 a year. Compared to the existing Regulations, the net effect of the changes in the proposed Regulations is estimated to decrease the cost of regulatory compliance for businesses by an average of \$1,286 whilst also providing cost benefits by maintaining national consistency.

Public comment is invited on the proposed Regulations and RIS.

Please note, all submissions will be treated as public documents and will appear online unless clearly identified as being confidential.

Comments should be received by WorkSafe Victoria (WorkSafe) no later than close of business on Monday 23 July 2018.

Submissions may be lodged electronically using an online form, by email or via post.

Electronic copies of the proposed Regulations and RIS can be obtained from WorkSafe's consultation website consultation.worksafe.vic.gov.au, from the WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136 089 (toll-free) or via email: legislation@worksafe.vic.gov.au

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