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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Plumbing Regulations 2018

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Plumbing Regulations 2018 (the proposed Regulations). The proposed Regulations are to be made under the **Building Act 1993**. Public comment is invited.

Reason for and objectives of the proposed Regulations

The proposed Regulations are intended to replace the existing Plumbing Regulations 2008 which sunset on 18 November 2018 in accordance with section 5 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are:

- (a) to specify work that is plumbing work to which Part 12A of the **Building Act 1993** applies, and to specify classes of plumbing work and classes of specialised plumbing work for the purposes of that Part;
- (b) to specify the qualifications and experience required for a person to be able to be licensed or registered to carry out plumbing work;
- (c) to incorporate the Plumbing Code of Australia and to prescribe standards and other requirements that a licensed or registered plumber must comply with when carrying out plumbing work;
- (d) to specify fees for the purposes of Part 12A of the **Building Act 1993**; and
- (e) to provide for other matters for the purposes of Part 12A of the **Building Act 1993**.

Summary of the results of the RIS

The RIS assesses the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and alternative options. The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of meeting the objectives of the Regulations. The proposed Regulations largely remake and update the current Plumbing Regulations 2008 and also introduce a number of substantive changes to ensure that Victorian plumbers are appropriately trained and qualified. The proposed Regulations also set clear standards and requirements for plumbing work to protect the health and safety of the community.

Invitation for public comment

Submissions on the RIS and the proposed Regulations are invited, and must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 27 July 2018. Submissions will be considered before the proposed Regulations are made. All submissions will be treated as a public document subject to the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** and copies will be provided to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee of Parliament in accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The preferred method of receiving submissions is via an online form or via electronic submission on the website set out below. Alternatively, submissions can be sent to the email address set out below. Submissions may also be received by post, marked 'Plumbing Regulations 2018 RIS' and addressed to:

Director, Building,
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning,
PO Box 500,
East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.

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Availability of RIS and proposed Regulations

A copy of the RIS and proposed Regulations may be obtained:

- on the Engage Victoria website at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/plumbing-regulations-sunset-review>
- by emailing plumbing.review@delwp.vic.gov.au
- by phoning the Victorian Government Contact Centre 1300 366 356.

Submissions will be published on the department's website unless privacy is requested by submitters.

HON. RICHARD WYNNE MP
Minister for Planning

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