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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF DECISION

#### County Court (Fees) Regulations 2018

I, Martin Pakula, Attorney-General, and Minister responsible for administering the **County Court Act 1958**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to make the proposed County Court (Fees) Regulations 2018 (the Proposed Regulations).

The objective of the Proposed Regulations is to prescribe the fees payable in respect of proceedings in the County Court of Victoria. A regulatory impact statement (RIS) was prepared for the Proposed Regulations.

Notices announcing the availability of the RIS were placed in the Government Gazette on 24 August 2018 and in *The Herald Sun* and *The Age* on 26 August 2018. The notices invited public comment, with a closing date for submissions of 23 September 2018. Two submissions were received in response.

I have decided that the Proposed Regulations should be made, with amendments. The Proposed Regulations will commence on 14 December 2018. The amendments to the Proposed Regulations are as follows:

- amending the definition of ‘standard fee payer’ to include an entity which is a not-for-profit organisation, instead of an entity registered under the **Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012**;
- expanding the definition of ‘standard fee payer’ to include the executor or administrator of a deceased estate;
- clarifying that where a representative is acting on behalf of a party, the fees payable are those which the represented party would be liable to pay;
- adding fee waivers for those applicants under the age of 18 years; and
- providing that mediation fees are payable in circumstances where a judicial officer orders a mediation hearing to take place.

THE HON. MARTIN PAKULA MP  
Attorney-General

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