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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007

As Minister responsible for the **Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007** (the Act), I give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that further to public consultation on a regulatory impact statement (RIS), I have decided to recommend the making of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2018 (the 2018 Regulations), to replace the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2008, which expire on 11 December 2018.

The 2018 Regulations, made under the Act, will support the Victorian Energy Upgrades program (the VEU program).

Following feedback in the submissions to the RIS, the 2018 Regulations include amendments to the consultation draft of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target Regulations 2018. The amendments are in response to feedback as follows:

- in response to stakeholder feedback requesting further flexibility and technology neutrality of all activities incentivised by the VEU program, changes have been made to increase the number of activities where a future technology can be specified
- in response to concerns about the possible increase in fraudulent behaviour once houses are given a second chance to receive incentives for activities, and in response to concerns about inappropriate disposal of mercury containing lighting products, changes have been made to increase the power of the VEU program administrator to identify fraudulent behaviour and inappropriate waste disposal
- in response to concerns about the reliability of the product register established for the purposes of the VEU program, changes have been made to give the program administrator the power to remove products from the register if they are unsafe or no longer meet regulatory requirements
- in response to feedback that more time was needed to transition requirements for water heating products, the 2018 Regulations were changed to ensure heat pump water heater products approved under the old product register are taken to be approved for a period of 18 months under the new product register
- in response to concerns about incentivising open flue gas heaters in air tight homes, changes were made that allow flue requirements for space heaters to be specified by the Secretary
- in response to feedback that more time was needed to transition incentives away from the destruction of pre-1996 refrigerators and freezers, changes were made to continue incentives for a further two years
- in response to feedback that more flexibility was needed for prescribed beam angles for downlight products and that incentives should be provided for compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) to be replaced by light-emitting diode (LED) lamps, minimum beam angles requirements were increased and incentives were introduced to allow for CFLs to be replaced by LED lamps
- in response to feedback that participants involved in public lighting upgrades were sophisticated enough to determine and deal with quality and safety risks, compliance requirements in relation to lighting designs for public lighting have been reduced

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- in response to feedback on the feasibility of carrying out new gas efficiency activities, changes were made to provide greater flexibility for boiler thermal efficiency test standards and to separate the gas/air ratio control and combustion trim activities so they can be undertaken separately.

The 2018 Regulations have been made and are available for download from www.legislation.vic.gov.au

Dated 30 October 2018

HON. LILY D'AMBROSIO MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

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