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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Proposed Freedom of Information Regulations 2019

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Freedom of Information Regulations 2019 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Freedom of Information Act 1982** (the Act), prescribe a number of bodies as being subject to the Act. These bodies are broadly categorised as boards, committees and panels; denominational hospitals; TAFE Institutes; and other organisations. The proposed Regulations also exempt three statutory office holders from the Act (the Solicitor-General, the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Public Advocate).

The objectives of the Freedom of Information Regulations 2019, are to:

- (a) ensure that public bodies will be subject to appropriate levels of public openness and accountability;
- (b) that there is a well-understood mechanism for people to seek access to, and amendment of, personal information held by public bodies;
- (c) provide people with sufficient information to enable them to scrutinise government policies and decisions; and
- (d) ensure that the provision of information does not risk compromising the integrity, confidentiality and independence of the role of certain statutory office holders.

The RIS examines the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives, and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most efficient method of achieving the objectives.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website or from Engage Victoria at [www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au). You may also telephone Marisa Verrocchi on 03 9651 6906.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be marked 'Freedom of Information Regulations'.

Comments must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 15 March 2019 via Engage Victoria or by mail to:

Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Level 2, 1 Treasury Place,  
East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents, unless the person making the comment or submission requests that it not be publicly available.

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