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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Public Health and Wellbeing 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 Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 (the proposed Regulations).

The Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009 (the regulations) are due to sunset on 15 December 2019. The regulations support the operation of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** (the Act) and facilitate the performance of a diverse range of regulatory activities by the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) and local councils. These activities include:

- implementing measures to prevent and respond to the spread of infectious diseases,
- immunisation,
- minimising the public health risks associated with swimming pools and other aquatic facilities,
- registering business premises which pose an increased risk to public health,
- mitigating the risk of Legionnaires' disease outbreaks through the regulation of cooling tower and water delivery systems, and
- licensing pest control operators.

The RIS presents the potential cost to industry and regulators of implementing the proposed Regulations, the expected financial and social benefits and alternative regulatory approaches for the implementation of the proposed Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the website, www.engage.vic.gov.au

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations via the Engage website. Any comments in writing should be marked 'Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations Comments'.

Comments must be received no later than 5 pm on 30 September 2019 via the Engage website or via email to phwa.enquiries@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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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