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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

PROPOSED PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS REGULATIONS 2019

Notice of Preparation of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared to assess the impact of the proposed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019 (the proposed regulations).

Objectives of proposed regulations

The proposed regulations are made under section 42 of the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986** (the Act).

The proposed regulations prescribe matters relating but not limited to:

- procedures conducted on animals, devices used on animals, implements and methods of capture of animals, transport of animals, restraint of animals and other related matters; and
- conditions for rodeo licences, rodeo permits and rodeo school permits; and
- persons operating, participating in or otherwise involved in rodeos and rodeo schools; and
- conditions and standards for scientific procedures using animals and breeding; and
- forms, fees and other matters authorised by the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986**.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008 expire on 15 December 2019 and need to be reviewed and remade. The regulations are necessary because the Act requires that certain matters, forms and procedures be specified in them to enable those to whom the Act applies to comply with the Act.

The proposed regulations aim to protect the welfare of animals in a variety of situations. The regulations seek to achieve this and avoid animal welfare harms that might occur if some practices were to be unregulated.

The objectives of the Regulations are:

- (a) to provide for procedures conducted on animals, devices used on animals, implements and methods of capture of animals, transport of animals, restraint of animals and other related matters; and
- (b) to prescribe conditions for rodeo licences, rodeo permits and rodeo school permits; and
- (c) to provide for persons operating, participating in or otherwise involved in rodeos and rodeo schools; and
- (d) to prescribe conditions and standards for scientific procedures using animals and breeding; and
- (e) to prescribe forms, fees and other matters authorised by the Act.

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 mentioned above.

Availability of RIS

Copies of the RIS and the proposed regulations may be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/prevention-cruelty-animals-draft-regulations-2019>

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Comments

Public comments and submissions are invited on the proposed regulations and in response to information provided in the RIS. Consultation is open until midnight, Thursday 26 September 2019.

The Engage Victoria website is the preferred method for receiving submissions, and can be found at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/prevention-cruelty-animals-draft-regulations-2019>

Written comments, and submissions, marked 'Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019', should be forwarded to:

POCTA Regulation Review
Animal Welfare Victoria
Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions
475 Mickleham Road
Attwood, Victoria 3049

Please note that all comments and submissions received will be treated as public documents.

HON. JACLYN SYMES MP
Minister for Agriculture

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