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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Roads and Minister responsible for administering the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007**, give notice 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 Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019.

These regulations are proposed to replace the Accident Towing Services Regulations 2008 which will cease operation on 15 December 2019 in accordance with section 5A of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**.

The Department of Transport has prepared the Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019, which are proposed to come into operation on 14 December 2019.

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to prescribe certain matters necessary for the operation and effective implementation of the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007**.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are –

- a) to facilitate the safe, timely and efficient provision of accident towing services and other related services;
- b) to impose requirements on tow truck licence holders, accredited persons and others that advance the objective set out in section 4 of the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007** that persons providing accident towing services are of appropriate character, technically competent, act with integrity and in a safe, timely, efficient and law abiding manner and have regard for vulnerable persons;
- c) to ensure that the attendance of licensed tow trucks at road accident scenes in controlled areas is controlled and efficient;
- d) to regulate the behaviour of tow truck drivers at road accident scenes;
- e) to provide for accident towing demerit points for relevant prescribed offences; and
- f) to prescribe infringement offences and prescribe the penalties for those offences.

The RIS assesses the benefits and costs of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives. It concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means to achieve the objectives outlined above.

Copies of the RIS and proposed Regulations may be obtained from <https://getinvolved.transport.vic.gov.au/Towingregs2019>

The Department of Transport seeks public comments or submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS by no later than 7 November 2019.

Comments or submissions should be submitted through the above website or posted to: Proposed Accident Towing Services Regulations 2019 consultation, Department of Transport, GPO Box 2392, Level 10, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

Dated 4 October 2019

HON. JAALA PULFORD MP
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