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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Child Wellbeing and Safety (Information Sharing) Amendment Regulations 2020

Notice is given that, in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Child Wellbeing and Safety (Information Sharing) Amendment Regulations 2020 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations are to be made under the **Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005**, which establishes the Child Information Sharing (CIS) Scheme.

The CIS Scheme permits information sharing between prescribed Information Sharing Entities (ISEs) to promote the wellbeing and safety of children in Victoria.

The CIS Scheme is being rolled out to workforces in a phased approach. The objective of the proposed Regulations is to enable implementation of Phase 2 of the CIS Scheme by prescribing:

- ISEs across the education, health and human services portfolios to share confidential information for the purposes of promoting child wellbeing or safety; and
- the secrecy and confidentiality provisions in other laws to enable the sharing of confidential information under the CIS Scheme.

The RIS examines the impact of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives, and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most efficient and effective method of supporting the Phase 2 implementation of the CIS Scheme.

A copy of the RIS and proposed Regulations can be obtained by visiting the Engage Victoria website at www.engage.vic.gov.au/consultations, or emailing childinfosharing@edumail.vic.gov.au

The purpose of this notice is to invite public comments on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be marked, 'Child Information Sharing RIS and Regulations', and received via any of the following avenues by no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 6 December 2019:

- Engage Victoria website – www.engage.vic.gov.au/consultations
- Email – childinfosharing@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Post – Attn: Victorian Child Information Sharing, Department of Education and Training, 2 Treasury Place, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002.

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents unless the submission clearly indicates the submission is confidential.

Dated 6 November 2019

HON. JAMES MERLINO MP
Minister for Education

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