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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

#### Fire Rescue Victoria (General) Regulations 2020

Notice is given under section 12I of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Fire Rescue Victoria (General) Regulations 2020 (the proposed legislative instrument). The proposed legislative instrument, to be made under the **Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958**, will be based on, and replace, the Metropolitan Fire Brigades (General) Interim Regulations 2019. The objectives of the proposed legislative instrument are to prescribe various operational matters for Fire Rescue Victoria, including employment related matters, fees and charges for services, insignia, and alarm monitoring system requirements.

The RIS primarily examines fees charged for attendance by Fire Rescue Victoria firefighters at false alarms without a reasonable excuse, and recommends that the current fee levels are retained. The RIS also proposes to align Fire Rescue Victoria's power to charge for fire protection services (for example, in relation to inspections and advice for applications made under the **Building Act 1993**) and to recover additional costs in relation to hazardous materials and toxic fire incidents with the equivalent powers of the Country Fire Authority.

You can obtain a copy of the RIS and the proposed legislative instrument by downloading them at [www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au) or calling 0438 253 625.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on the RIS and the proposed legislative instrument.

All comments must be in writing and received at the following addresses by no later than 5.00 pm on 19 June 2020 by

- email to:  
[fireservicesreform@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:fireservicesreform@justice.vic.gov.au)
- post to:  
Attention Fire Services Reform  
Department of Justice and Community Safety  
GPO Box 4356  
Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

All submissions will be treated as public documents unless requested to be made confidential.  
Dated 22 May 2020

HON. LISA NEVILLE MP  
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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