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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Juries (Fees) Regulations 2022

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Juries (Fees) Regulations 2022.

The proposed regulations will be made under section 90 of the **Juries Act 2000**. The reason for the proposed regulations is to allow the Supreme Court of Victoria and the County Court of Victoria to continue to charge fees from parties requesting the use of juries in civil proceedings, once the current regulations expire in September 2022.

Objectives

The objective of these regulations is to recover the costs to the Government (payments to jurors and administrative costs of Juries Victoria) of making juries available for civil trials. (Fees are not payable for the use of juries in criminal proceedings.)

The RIS finds that it is appropriate to target full cost recovery for these fees, as this is consistent with fairness and efficiency and would not have any adverse outcomes in terms of access to justice. The preferred option is to restructure how jury fees are calculated to ensure they continue to reflect cost recovery into the future.

Submissions

Submissions on the proposed regulations and RIS are invited, and must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022. The submissions will be considered before the proposed regulations are made. Please note that all submissions will be treated as public documents and may be published on a government website, unless a submission clearly indicates that it is confidential.

Submissions are also subject to the **Freedom of Information Act 1982**, and copies will be provided to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee and the Commissioner for Better Regulation.

The Engage Victoria website is the preferred method for receiving submissions, and can be found at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/magistrates-and-juries-fees>

Alternatively, submissions can be made by email, and can be sent to court.fees@justice.vic.gov.au with the subject 'Juries (Fees) Regulations 2022'.

Copies of the RIS and proposed regulations can be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/magistrates-and-juries-fees>

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Magistrates' Court (Fees) Regulations 2022

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Magistrates' Court (Fees) Regulations 2022.

The proposed regulations will be made under section 140 of the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989**. The reason for the proposed regulations is to allow the Magistrates' Court of Victoria (Magistrates' Court) to continue to charge fees once the current regulations expire in September 2022.

Objectives

The objective of these regulations is to restructure the fees payable at the Magistrates' Court to support the charging of fees on an equitable basis which balances the Government's objectives in recovering a share of the costs incurred in providing services, while promoting fair and increased access to justice.

Regulatory Impact Statement

The RIS considers a number of options for fees and assesses these against the objectives of access to justice, efficient use of court resources, equity between court users, and simplicity and ease of use.

The preferred option creates a three-tiered system with differentiated fees for different categories of users, and includes extended fee waiver provisions.

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Copies of the RIS and proposed regulations can be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/magistrates-and-juries-fees>

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