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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Residential Tenancies

(Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2024

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2024. The proposed Regulations are to be made under Part 14 of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**.

The proposed Regulations have been developed as part of a review of the current Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2020 which expire on 30 June 2024. The current Regulations, together with the operation of the **Residential Tenancies Act 1997**, prescribe requirements to ensure that people can use caravan parks safely and with confidence. These requirements include:

- registration of all caravan parks with local Councils;
- standards for the design, construction, installation and maintenance of unregistrable movable dwellings (UMDs) in caravan parks;
- incorporation of fire safety requirements prescribed by the fire authorities;
- the type and standard of amenities, such as sanitary facilities, that must be provided in caravan parks; and
- preparation of emergency management plans to protect the health and safety of residents and short-term occupiers.

The Department of Transport and Planning has prepared a RIS that examines the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations and an alternative option that was considered. Two options are presented:

- Option 1 – The Regulations are remade with no material changes.
- Option 2 – The Regulations are remade with targeted changes to improve their effectiveness and efficiency.

A multi-criteria analysis was used to assess both options against a base case of no regulations. This analysis was conducted across the five broad areas of regulatory intervention determining that Option 2 is the preferred option. Accordingly, the proposed Regulations have been prepared to reflect Option 2.

The proposed Regulations contain five main changes to the current regulatory requirements:

- Enhancing fire safety and emergency management protection measures in caravan parks by regulating the frequency with which fire safety reports and emergency management plans must be issued by a fire services authority (for fire safety reports) and updated/prepared by caravan park owners (for emergency management plans).
- Bringing forward the registration renewal application deadline to provide councils with more time to consider and process renewal applications.
- Improving public health by introducing requirements for marking non-potable water sources.
- Removing the requirement for caravan park management to be present at the caravan park office during normal office hours to reflect the changing nature of the industry.
- Strengthening consumer protections by introducing a requirement that upon sale of a UMD or rigid annexe, the owner must provide the purchaser with a copy of the installation certificate they received from the installer.

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Invitation for public comment

You are invited to comment on the RIS and proposed Regulations by making a submission or completing the survey available on the Engage Victoria website. All submissions received will be considered before the proposed Regulations are made.

You can obtain a copy of the RIS and proposed Regulations and provide feedback via the Engage Victoria website at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/caravan-parks-and-movable-dwellings-regulatory-impact-statement>

All comments and submissions must be received no later than 5.00 pm on 26 May 2024. You can provide feedback on the RIS using one of the following options: by making a submission or completing an online survey via the link on Engage Victoria (preferred method); or by email – caravanparkspolicy@delwp.vic.gov.au; or by post – submissions can be marked ‘Caravan Park Regulations RIS 2024’ and addressed to: Caravan Park Regulations Team, Planning and Building Reform Division, Department of Transport and Planning, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.

For further information please contact caravanparkspolicy@delwp.vic.gov.au

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