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NOTICE OF DECISION

Victoria Police Act 2013

I, Anthony Carbines, Minister for Police, and Minister responsible for administering the **Victoria Police Act 2013** give notice in accordance with section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to make the proposed Victoria Police (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2024 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations prescribe:

- (a) fees and amounts payable for the purposes of Part 14A of the Victoria Police Act;
- (b) charges for services provided by police officers, protective services officers and Victoria Police employees;
- (c) fees for applications by media organisations for authorisation to be given agency photographs;
- (d) fees for applications by authorised media organisations for the giving of agency photographs.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Regulations, and both were released for public consultation on the Engage Victoria website, engage.vic.gov.au inviting public comments and submissions from 21 December 2023 until 12 February 2024.

A notice of preparation of the RIS in relation to the proposed Regulations was published on 21 December 2023 in the Government Gazette and on the Victorian Public Notices website, publicnotices.vic.gov.au

During the period for public consultation 23 comments and submissions were received in relation to the RIS and the proposed Regulations.

The key matters raised in the comments and submissions were:

- there is a perceived lack of engagement and transparency by Victoria Police in assessing the risks of events that are commercial in nature and determining fees for police services at events;
- there are concerns about the proposed fees increases, the potential effects on the viability of events and whether these increases would affect Victoria's competitive position in hosting events;
- there are concerns about the cost impacts of new fees for police services deployed outside events, and uncertainty as to how these fees will be determined;
- there is a perceived lack of information of the criteria on which fee waiver applications are assessed and a view that guidelines should be available;
- that there should be a transitional period to delay the introduction of fee increases to allow event promoters and venues to adjust to the fee increases in planning for events.

I have noted that a number of matters raised in the comments and submissions relate to matters that are out of scope of the proposed Regulations and the RIS. However, Victoria Police is preparing documents to assist stakeholders that set out:

- the criteria and process for determining fees, including for outside events;
- the criteria and process for dealing with fee waiver applications.

Having ensured that all comments and submissions were considered, I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made without further amendment, save for a transitional introduction of the new fees (so that these fees do not commence until 1 January 2025) for:

- the services of police personnel deployed in an area outside the venue of an event that is commercial in nature;
- the deployment of protective services officers at an event that is commercial in nature;

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- time in planning for the deployment of police personnel or other police services at an event that is commercial in nature;
- the deployment of drones and counter drones at an event that is commercial in nature.

A statement of reasons summarising the matters raised in the submissions received and the reasons for the decision taken is available at www.engage.vic.gov.au/victoria-police-fees-and-charges-regulations-2024

Dated 11 June 2024

HON. ANTHONY CARBINES MP
Minister for Police

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