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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Building and Plumbing Amendment Regulations 2024

I, Sonya Kilkenny MP, Minister for Planning and the Minister responsible for administering the **Building Act 1993**, give notice in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Building and Plumbing Amendment Regulations 2024 (the proposed Regulations).

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to amend the Building Regulations 2018 to prescribe circumstances under which a relevant building surveyor must refuse to issue a building permit and to amend the Plumbing Regulations 2018 to prohibit connection to reticulated gas and installation or replacement of a reticulated gas appliance that is intended to be used for the heating of that building or the heating of water in prescribed classes of buildings.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- amend the Building Regulations 2018 to prescribe circumstances for the purposes of section 24(8) of the **Building Act 1993**;
- amend the Plumbing Regulations 2018 to prohibit certain plumbing work in specified circumstances.

The RIS:

- considers four options to electrify residential and many commercial buildings in Victoria;
- assesses the expected impacts of reforms to establish the preferred option and provide stakeholders with a thorough understanding of the regulatory proposals;
- concludes that the benefits of the proposed Regulations outweigh the expected costs and burden.

Accessing the RIS and making a submission

You can obtain a copy of the RIS and the proposed Regulations from the Engage Victoria website at www.engage.vic.gov.au or by phoning 03 9655 6666.

All comments and submissions must be received by no later than 5.00 pm on 28 February 2025. You can provide feedback on the RIS and proposed Regulations using one of the following options: via the link at Engage Victoria (preferred method); by email – building.electrification@transport.vic.gov.au; or by post – hardcopy submissions can be posted to – Proposed Building and Plumbing Amendment Regulations 2024, Building Policy and Intergovernmental Branch, Department of Transport and Planning, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, Victoria 3001.

All comments and submissions will be considered. They will also be treated as public documents.

You may choose to make an anonymous submission if you do not wish for your name to be published.

Dated 10 December 2024

THE HON. SONYA KILKENNY
Minister for Planning

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