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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Building Amendment (Building Manuals and Mandatory Inspections) Regulations 2025

I, Hon. Harriet Shing, MP, Minister for Housing and Building 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 Amendment (Building Manuals and Mandatory Inspections) Regulations 2025 (the proposed Regulations).

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to amend the Building Regulations 2018 to require a builder to notify the relevant building surveyor at the completion of two additional mandatory notification stages and to prescribe matters in relation to building manuals.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- prescribe two additional mandatory notification stages for the construction or alteration of a building;
- prescribe the classes of building in respect of which a draft building manual is required;
- prescribe the information that must be contained in and documents that must accompany, a draft building manual;
- prescribe the requirements for keeping, updating and providing access to an approved building manual;
- prescribe the format of a draft building manual;
- prescribe the process for providing access to an approved building manual;
- make amendments to an existing form and to prescribe a new form for updating an approved building manual.

The RIS:

- considers three regulatory options for prescribing a building manual for prescribed classes of building;
- considers three regulatory options for prescribing two new mandatory notification stages for the construction or alteration of a building;
- assesses the expected impacts of both reforms to establish the preferred options 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/new-building-regulations-for-apartments or by phoning 03 9655 6666.

All comments and submissions must be received by no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 9 May 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); or by email, building.policy@transport.vic.gov.au; or by post, hardcopy submissions can be posted to: Proposed Building Amendment (Building Manuals and Mandatory Inspections) Regulations 2025, Building System Reform 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 3 March 2025

THE HON. HARRIET SHING MP
Minister for Housing and Building

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