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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Country Fire Authority Regulations 2025

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 Country Fire Authority Regulations 2025 (the proposed Regulations). The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on the RIS and the proposed Regulations.

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Country Fire Authority Act 1958** (the Act), will be based on, and replace, the Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014. The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to prescribe various matters for the purposes of the Act including:

- administration of CFA brigades, including formation of brigades and enrolment of members;
- volunteer discipline;
- compensation of CFA volunteers and other eligible persons for personal injury and loss or damage to personal property;
- fire prevention measures, including permits to burn during fire danger periods;
- formation and management of forestry industry brigades;
- alarm monitoring requirements;
- fees and charges for certain specified CFA services (including brigade attendances in response to false alarms and hazardous materials incidents); and
- prescribing places to be community fire refuges.

The RIS uses various methods to assess the costs and benefits of the proposed regulations, including multi-criteria analysis which is used to assess significant regulatory proposals where it is difficult to quantify their costs and benefits.

The RIS recommends remaking regulations about all of the matters listed above, with some amendments to modernise the regulations and improve their administration. The fees and charges regulations are proposed to be amended to enable cost recovery for the specified CFA services, and a new regulation is proposed that would enable CFA to charge fees for services CFA provides in relation to commercial events. The RIS also recommends removing some other regulations that are now outdated or duplicate other laws.

You can obtain a copy of the RIS and the proposed Regulations by downloading them at www.engage.vic.gov.au

Comments must be in writing and received via the Engage Victoria website by no later than 5.00 pm on 13 May 2025.

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents unless requested to be made confidential.

Dated 12 March 2025

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Minister for Emergency Services

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