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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2025

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 proposed Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2025 (the proposed Regulations).

The Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2015 (the Regulations) are due to sunset on 7 July 2025. The proposed Regulations will revoke and replace the Regulations, and support the operation of the **Safe Drinking Water Act 2003** (the Act) by prescribing matters required, permitted or necessary to be prescribed in respect of drinking water, and water suppliers and water storage managers.

The primary objective of the proposed Regulations is to safeguard Victorians from unsafe water, by detailing core obligations of water suppliers and water storage managers under the Act, to manage risk to ensure the quality of drinking water, and to support monitoring and enforcement of those requirements.

The RIS proposes that the Regulations be re-made for ten years with a number of targeted improvements and clarifications in the areas of:

- (a) required content for risk management plans;
- (b) prescribed drinking water standards;
- (c) collection and analysis of water samples;
- (d) reporting results of sample analysis and other operational monitoring to the Secretary to the Department of Health;
- (e) required content for annual reports;
- (f) infringements.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Engage Victoria website at www.engage.vic.gov.au/review-of-the-safe-drinking-water-regulations or by emailing the Legislative and Regulatory Reform team at legandregreform@health.vic.gov.au

Public comments and submissions are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations. All comments and submissions must be in writing and should be marked 'Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2025 response'.

Comments and submissions must be received no later than 11.59 pm on 15 May 2025 and should be made via the Engage Victoria website or via email to legandregreform@health.vic.gov.au

All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents, unless the person making the comment or submission requests that it not be publicly available.

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