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## *State Electricity Commission Act 1958* PROCLAMATION DECLARING THAT PART IV<sub>A</sub> APPLIES

The Administrator in Council under section 45A of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*, by this proclamation, declares that Part IV<sub>A</sub> of that Act relating to electricity supply emergency provisions is to apply.

Dated 25 July 1989

Responsible Minister:

DAVID WHITE

Minister for Industry, Technology and Resources

KATHY OUZOUNIS  
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council

## *Subordinate Legislation Act 1962*

### CORRECTIONS (REMISSION AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1989

In accordance with the provisions of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1962*, notice is given of the proposal to make the above mentioned Regulations.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed Regulations. The objective of the regulations is to reduce the remission entitlement for prisoners so that the time spent by a prisoner in prison more closely reflects the term of imprisonment imposed by the court.

The Regulations will achieve the objective through the phasing down of the rate of remission from 1/3 of the sentence of imprisonment to:

1/4 if the sentence begins on or after  
1 January 1990 and before 1 January 1992;

1/7 if the sentence begins on or after  
1 January 1992.

The current rate of calculating remission of 1/3 of the sentence of imprisonment is provided in regulation 97 of the Corrections Regulations 1986.

Reducing remission entitlement will result in a closer reflection of the term of imprisonment imposed by the court by the time spent in prison by a prisoner. This is consistent with Government Policy and those recommendations of the Victorian Sentencing Committee intended to restore public confidence in the sentencing process. It is expected however that the reduction in the rate for the calculation of remission is likely to have an effect on prisoner numbers and incur significant financial costs unless there are substantial changes to sentencing practices.

The Regulatory Impact Statement concludes that the proposed regulations are the most appropriate method of changing the rate for the calculation of remission and implementing the phase down.

Comments and submissions are invited from interested parties.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement may be obtained by writing to or telephoning the Legal Officer, Office of Corrections, 20 Albert Road, South Melbourne 3205, telephone (03) 698 6524 or 698 6522.

Written submissions should be sent to the above address no later than 21 days following the publication of this advertisement.

PETER HARMSWORTH  
Director-General

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