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**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Proposed Wildlife (Game) Regulations 1990**

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Wildlife (Game) Regulations 1990.

The principal objective of these Regulations is—

to introduce a new cost effective licensing system to assist in the funding of game, wetland, forest and other habitat management programs by providing for a Game Licence of \$25 per annum (or \$75 for three years) for hunting either game birds or deer and \$50 per annum (or \$150 for three years) for both game birds and deer; and

to restrict the use of motorboats so as to reduce the disturbance and harassment of game species.

The reasons for the proposed statutory rules are that users of wetlands and forests should contribute to their management. Furthermore, hunters should contribute more significantly towards the costs of managing their chosen activity. The restrictions imposed upon the use of motorboats is designed to protect game species from harassment and disturbance.

The Regulatory Impact Statement concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of achieving their stated objectives. The proposed

fee level is the only practical way to fund the necessary expenditure on game and wetland management. Alternative fee structures were, payment annually, or payment three yearly. The preferred option combines convenience and flexibility.

As to the restrictions placed upon motorboats, two alternatives were considered. Firstly, to retain the existing Regulations would in no way afford the protection that was sought for game species and as a consequence was rejected. Secondly, restricting boats to the non-powered variety, although affording maximum protection to game species could result in potentially serious safety problems for hunters.

A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement may be obtained from Mr Sebastian S. Giuliano, Executive Services Branch, 8/240 Victoria Parade, Melbourne 3002, telephone 412 4993; Mr Bob Timms, Arthur Rylah Institute, 123 Brown Street, Heidelberg 3084, telephone 450 8600; or at any of the sixteen regional offices of the Department of Conservation and Environment.

Public comments and submissions on the Regulatory Impact Statement are invited. Written submissions will be received twenty-one (21) days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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Director-General

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