

ROAD SAFETY (VEHICLES) (LICENSED TESTERS) REGULATIONS 1990

In accordance with the provisions of the *Subordinate Legislation Act* 1962 notice is given of the proposal to make regulations to be known as the Road Safety (Vehicles) (Licensed Testers) Regulations 1990.

A regulatory impact statement has been prepared as required by the Subordinate Legislation Act.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are:

- o to reduce the number of unroadworthy vehicles travelling on Victorian roads;
- o to provide buyers of second-hand vehicles with a reliable consumer safeguard against purchasing an unroadworthy vehicle;
- o to ensure that consumers are better informed as to the objectives, scope and price of the roadworthiness test;
- o to allow licensed testers to charge an appropriate fee for different vehicle types, equipment and condition and thereby eliminate the tendency for some licensed testers to refuse more difficult jobs, to tailor the test to suit the price or to look for other work on the vehicle to offset the existing regulated testing fee;
- o to eliminate the cross-subsidisation which currently occurs from all customers of licenced vehicle testers (i.e. those requiring normal vehicle servicing, repairs etc.) to those customers requiring vehicle roadworthiness testing, therefore

establishing a user pays system for vehicle testing;

- o to provide more effective auditing and enforcement, and more appropriate penalties for non-compliance with the regulations and prescribed testing standards;
- o to improve the credibility of the test;
- o to clarify the responsibility of licensed testers for tests performed under their licence and for the work of their testing mechanics.

The regulatory impact statement concludes that the proposed regulations are the most cost-effective means of achieving the above objectives.

Comments and submissions are invited from interested parties and should be forwarded to the Legislation Officer, Roads Corporation, Legal Services Department, 7th Floor, North Building (PO Box 119), Carlton South 3053.

Copies of the regulatory impact statement may be obtained either by writing to the Legislation Officer at the above address or by phoning Mrs Rose Ferma on 345 4180.

Any inquiries regarding the content of the statement should be directed to Ms Sue La Greca on 345 4655.

The closing date for submissions is 21 days from the date of this notice.

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