

Subordinate Legislation Act 1962
**WATER (APPLICATION FEES)
 REGULATIONS 1990**

Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice is given of a proposal to make the above Regulations.

The reason for the new Regulations is to comply with the provisions of the *Water Act 1989*, which comes into operation on 1 November 1990 and repeals the *Groundwater Act 1969* and *Water Act 1958*.

Under the previous legislation Regulations were made prescribing application fees for the issue, transfer and renewal of diversion and groundwater licences, drillers licences and bore construction.

It is now proposed to make new Regulations prescribing new fees for these activities, together with fees for Information Statements and disposal of matter underground in accordance with the new legislation.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to prescribe fees for applications—

- (a) to issue, renew or transfer Diversion Licences, Groundwater Licences, Bore Construction Licences and Bore Alteration Licences;
- (b) to issue or renew Drillers Licences;
- (c) to dispose of matter underground by means of a bore;
- (d) for Information Statements under section 158 of the *Water Act 1989*.

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1962*.

The results of the Statement are as follows:

1. The major cost impact will be on the groups using the services who will now be required to pay the full cost of the services provided.
2. The effect of not prescribing the fees would be a shortfall in revenue to the Rural Water Commission and other Water Authorities of some \$2 725 000 annually. The costs would ultimately be borne by the community rather than the beneficiary.
3. The benefits will be that the services will now be fully funded by users of that service and therefore will not be dependent on funding from consolidated revenue thus allowing an efficient allocation of resources.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations are available from Mr Danny Baker, Rural Water Commission of Victoria, 590 Orrong Road, Armadale 3143. Telephone: (03) 508 2430. Fax: (03) 508 2686.

Comments and submissions are invited and will be received up to 21 days from the publication of this advertisement.

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