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Subordinate Legislation Act 1962 ZOOLOGICAL PARKS AND GARDENS (ADMINISTRATION) REGULATIONS 1992 Regulatory Impact Statement

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Zoological Parks and Gardens (Administration) Regulations 1992.

The proposed Regulations are required to replace the current Zoological Parks and Gardens (General) Regulations 1992 which are due to sunset on 31 December 1992. It is proposed that the new Regulations will come into operation in late November.

The objectives of the proposed regulations are to—

- (a) prescribe increased fees and charges for admission to Zoological Board of Victoria properties; and
- (b) provide for the care, protection and management of Board properties.

The Regulatory Impact Statement examined two alternatives to the increased fees and charges for admission to Board properties.

These were—

- (1) Defer an increase in charges and seek funds commercially to meet the increased recurrent costs and fund capital improvements.
- (2) Seek an increase in the Government's budget allocation to meet the increased recurrent costs and fund the required capital works.

The Regulatory Impact Statement concluded however, that the increased fees and charges were justified on the basis that they—

- (i) set fees at a level which reflect the value of what the zoos offer; and
- (ii) provide a source of funds that will assist in maintaining Zoo facilities at the current high standard; and

- (iii) reduce the need for increased debt or additional Government funding; and
- (iv) ensure that regular income will be available to fund redevelopment works at the Zoos.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from Janine Rossely, Executive Services Branch, 8th Floor, 240 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, 3002 (Telephone 412 4751).

Public comments on the Regulatory Impact Statement and accompanying Regulations are invited. Written submissions will be received at the above address up to 21 days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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