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**ZOOLOGICAL PARKS AND GARDENS
(ADMINISTRATION) (FEES)
REGULATIONS 1993**

**Notice of Preparation of a Regulatory Impact
Statement**

A Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Zoological Parks and Gardens (Administration) (Fees) Regulations 1993.

The reasons for the proposed Regulations are to make provision for—

- (a) increased fees for admission to the Royal Melbourne Zoological Gardens and the Sir Colin MacKenzie Zoological Park (Healesville Sanctuary); and
- (b) greater flexibility for the Board to provide concessions and discounts to certain categories of visitor.

The objective to be achieved is to provide revenue for the Zoological Board of Victoria to meet its statutory and strategic requirements, by improving the capacity of the Board to fund capital improvements.

The Regulatory Impact Statement examined two alternatives to the increased fees for admission to these Board properties. These alternatives were to—

- (a) defer an increase in fees and seek funds commercially to meet increased costs and fund capital improvements; and

- (b) seek an increase in the Government's budget allocation to meet increased costs and fund capital improvements.

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

- (i) set admission fees at a level which reflects the value of what these zoos have to offer; and
- (ii) provide a source of funds that will assist in maintaining facilities at the zoos at the current high standards and fund additional capital improvements; and
- (iii) reduce the need for increased debt or additional Government funding.

Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and proposed Regulations may be obtained from Janine Rossely, Portfolio Co-ordination Branch, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 8th Floor, 250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, 3002 (telephone 412 4862).

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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