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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT
Water Industry Regulations 1995

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Water Industry Regulations 1995.

The objectives to be achieved by the proposed regulations are the maintenance of high quality water supply, sewerage and trade waste services provided by licensed water agencies, the protection of Victoria's water and sewerage systems, and fair and efficient management and control of Victoria's water and sewerage services. The proposed Regulations will replace the Water Industry (Interim) Regulations 1994 which expire on 31 December 1995.

The reasons for the proposed regulations are to provide for:

- (a) concessions for water usage and sewerage disposal charges to entitled people;
- (b) procedures and standards for work of water supply and of sewerage;
- (c) continuity of trade waste agreements made before January 1995;
- (d) the rights of licensees in relation to easements and reserves;
- (e) lodging of notices in relation to any disposition of land;
- (f) authorisation of certain activities for the purposes of the **Trade Practices Act 1974**; and
- (g) fees for certain services, forms which may be required and penalties applying to breaches.

Alternatives to the proposed Regulations which were considered in the RIS were changes to Operating Licenses or Customer Contracts and self regulations through Codes of Practice. The matters dealt with by the proposed

Regulations involve powers and responsibilities concerning private property rights and public assets. They also affect major issues of public health and safety. These matters would not have sufficient protection under licences or contracts. Similarly, self regulatory codes of practice are unable to provide adequate protection of the public interest where differing and often conflicting interests are involved. For these reasons the alternatives were rejected and the proposed Regulations are considered to be the most effective means of achieving the objectives.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting Roger Armistead, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Water Bureau telephone: (03) 9412 4020.

All submissions must be in writing and must be received at the following address by no later than 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 December 1995. Team Leader, Urbans Group, Water Bureau, 5/232 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

C. G. COLEMAN
Minister for Natural Resources

Fisheries Act 1968

FISHERIES NOTICE No. 21/1995
Fisheries (Scallop—Port Phillip Bay Fishery)
(Close Season) Notice No. 21/1995

I, Charles Geoffrey Coleman, Minister for Natural Resources, after consultation with the Victorian Fishing Industry Federation, make the following Fisheries Notice:

1. Title

This Notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Scallop—Port Phillip Bay Fishery) (Close Season) Notice No. 21/1995.

2. Objective

The objective of this Notice is to fix a close season on the taking of scallops from the waters of Port Phillip Bay.

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3. Authorising provision

This Notice is made under section 80 of the **Fisheries Act 1968**.

4. Commencement

This Notice commences on 6 November 1995.

5. Close season

A person must not, during the period commencing on 6 November 1995 and ending on 2 June 1996—

- (a) use a dredge for taking scallops from the waters of Port Phillip Bay; or
- (b) have a scallop dredge on board any boat on the waters of Port Phillip Bay.

6. Penalty

Any person who contravenes any provision of this Notice is liable to a penalty of 20 penalty units.

Dated 3 November 1995

C. G. COLEMAN
Minister for Natural Resources



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