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**SPECIAL**

**Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**  
**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF**  
**REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**Wildlife (Game) (Amendment) Regulations**  
**1996**

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 Wildlife (Game) (Amendment) Regulations 1996.

The objectives to be achieved by the proposed Regulations are:

- (a) to ensure that areas where hunting for Sambar deer with dogs is permitted, are suitable for that activity in accordance with the recommendations of the Land Conservation Council; and
- (b) to encourage responsible hunting practices by hunters who use dogs; and
- (c) to protect wildlife habitat and water quality values in closed catchment areas within the area presently known as the Central Highlands Sanctuary.

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to regulate the hunting of Sambar Deer with dogs in the area presently covered by the Central Highlands Sanctuary. The **National Parks (Yarra Ranges and Other Amendment) Act 1995**, which will come into operation on or before 20 June 1996, revokes this Sanctuary. Following revocation, the hunting of Sambar deer with dogs will, by virtue of the Wildlife (Game) Regulations 1990, be automatically permitted in the area formerly covered by the Sanctuary, unless prohibited under other legislation.

The RIS examined 3 alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The first 2 alternatives involve moving of the boundary of the area where it is proposed to prohibit deer hunting with dogs. The third alternative was to prohibit all hunting with dogs in the area known as the Central Highlands Sanctuary. The RIS rejected

all 3 alternatives on the basis that they would not achieve all of the stated objectives and concluded that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the objectives.

Copies of the RIS and proposed Regulations may be obtained by contacting the Game Management Unit of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on 9412 4440, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, or collected from the NRE Information Centre, Ground Floor, 240 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002.

Public comments or submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS are invited. All comments or submissions must be in writing and must be received at the following address by no later than 5 p.m. on 10 June 1996.

Mr S. Toop, Game Management Unit, 4/250 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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