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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT
Building (Amendment) Regulations 1997
Building (Further Amendment)
Regulations 1997

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the Building (Amendment) Regulations 1997 and the Building (Further Amendment) Regulations 1997.

The **Building Act 1993** introduced reforms to the system of building regulation. The Building Regulations 1994 which came into operation on 1 July 1994, supported the implementation of the Act.

As a result of three years of experience in the operation of the regulations a number of issues and an opportunity to improve the operation of the regulations have become apparent. These have arisen as concerns relating to uncertainties created by the regulations which have been expressed by industry practitioners.

The majority of amendments amount to 'fine tuning' of a well accepted regulatory framework. The amendments which provide for significant changes deal with:

- * Exemptions from the regulations
- * Adoption of the Building Code of Australia 1996
- * Documents to be lodged by relevant building surveyors to councils
- * Upgrading of fire safety in existing residential care buildings by requiring installation of automatic fire sprinklers
- * Increase of existing and creation of new Building Appeals Board fees
- * Prescribed qualifications and classes (new class of fire safety engineer and splitting of building inspector category into limited and unlimited)

The RIS has been prepared to examine the proposed regulations, consider and evaluate

alternatives and it concludes that the objectives could be best achieved by making the Regulations.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting Iolanda Fazzari on 9285 6400.

Written submissions will be received at the following address up to 5.00 p.m. on 15 May 1997: Building Control Commission, 27th Floor, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000 or by Fax on (03) 9285 6464.

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Commissioner

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