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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Education Regulations 1988

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to a proposed amendment to the Education Regulations 1988.

The primary objective of the proposed amendment is to ensure that the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is more directly associated with educational expenditures. Secondary objectives are to streamline the processes involved in the payment of the EMA for parents, schools and the Department of Education, and to achieve a higher level of accountability involved in the distribution of EMA funds.

As most educational expenditure by parents is school based, the RIS concluded that a more efficient method of distributing EMA funds and ensuring a direct association with educational expenditures was to apportion the payment of the allowance partly between parents and schools, at levels to be recommended by the Secretary to the Department of Education. This removes the inconvenience to parents and schools of negotiating cheques. Retaining a proportionate payment to parents recognises that some education costs are not school based. Accountability and integrity of the EMA payment process has been enhanced by verifying eligibility with the Department of Social Security. This process also reduces the number of times a parent with continuing eligibility is required to reapply.

The alternative proposal was to allocate the total of the EMA funds to schools, but the RIS concluded that this fails to acknowledge non school based expenditure.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and the proposed amending regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting Paul Nicholson on (03) 9628 4440. Written submissions will be received up to 5.00pm on 11 August 1997 at the following address: Mr Paul Nicholson,

Department of Education, Level 16, Rialto South Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Department of Education (Victoria)

Planning and Environment Act 1987 WHITTLESEA PLANNING SCHEME Notice of Approval of Amendment Amendment L150

The Minister for Planning and Local Government has approved Amendment L150 to the Whittlesea Planning Scheme.

The amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

The amendment rezones land at the northern end of Green Street, Thomastown, known as Lot B, PS 408947L, from Reserved Light Industrial to General Industrial zone, to facilitate the development of a leather finishing facility.

A copy of the amendment can be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at the Department of Infrastructure, Customer Service Centre, Upper Plaza, Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne and at the offices of the Whittlesea City Council, Ferres Boulevard, South Morang.

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