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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 FIREARMS REGULATIONS 1995

Notice is given of the availability of the proposed Firearms Regulations 1995 and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for public comment.

The objective of the regulations is to promote public peace and safety by giving effect to firearms controls specified in the Firearms Act 1958 such as shooter's licensing and firearms registration requirements.

The proposed Regulations will replace the existing Firearms (Interim) Regulations 1994, which expire on 31 December 1995 and are required to be remade in accordance with the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994. The proposed Regulations will ensure the continuing operation of key elements of Victoria's firearms regulatory framework.

The proposed Regulations will resolve identified drafting anomalies and bring the Regulations into consistency with contemporary drafting practices. They do not carry any policy changes to the Victorian system of firearms management and control ahead of a full evaluation of the outcomes of a process authorised by the Australasian Police Minister's Council to investigate a system of national uniformity in specific areas of firearms legislation. The proposed Regulations have been drafted to maintain existing Victorian firearms controls until the outcomes of the national uniformity process are known.

The proposed Regulations will have several major benefits for the Victorian community. They will minimise firearms-related death, injury and trauma; generate community confidence in the ongoing integrity of the State's firearms controls and ensure that Victoria Police continue to have access to comprehensive firearms information necessary for their operations. The proposed Regulations will also generate some costs for firearms owners, dealers and the Government.

The RIS examines alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The RIS concludes that none of the alternatives is likely to generate as great a benefit as the proposed Regulations.

Public submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS are invited. Copies of both documents can be obtained from Mr Russell Charles, Manager, Legislation, Police, Emergency Services and Corrections Directorate, Department of Justice, Level 20, 200 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3001. Telephone: (03) 9603 4577, Fax: (03) 9603 4482.

Submissions in writing should be sent no later than Monday, 6 November 1995. All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

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