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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION REGULATIONS 1995

By operation of section 5 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994, the Workers Compensation Regulations 1985 (S.R. No. 306/1985) will be revoked on 13 August 1995 as 10 years will have elapsed after their making. It is proposed to recommend that replacement regulations be made before that revocation takes effect.

In accordance with the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994, a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the proposed Workers Compensation Regulations 1995.

The proposed regulations will impact upon workers with injuries arising out of or in the course of their employment prior to 4.00 p.m. on 31 August 1985, the employers (if still in existence) of those injured workers and the workers compensation insurers on risk at the relevant times.

The Regulatory Impact Statement discusses the impact of the proposed regulations, the costs imposed and outlines the alternatives to prescription that have been considered. It is considered that the statement demonstrates that regulations governing most of the subject matters covered by the Workers Compensation Regulations 1985 are still required.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to facilitate the fair, effective and efficient operation of the scheme of workers compensation and of workers compensation insurance established by and under the Workers Compensation Act 1958 by prescribing various matters required or permitted to be prescribed under that Act.

This is to be achieved by prescribing forms, procedures and rates of interest and contribution in relation to the operation of the Workers Compensation Act 1958.

Written public comments and submissions on the Regulatory Impact Statement and the accompanying draft regulations are invited. A copy of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the draft regulations may be obtained by telephoning Ms Julianne Brennan on (03) 9641 1433 or from reception at the Victorian WorkCover Authority, Level 3, 485 La Trobe Street, Melbourne.

Written submissions on the Regulatory Impact Statement and accompanying draft regulations will be received up to 28 days from the date of publication of this notice. All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Submissions should be addressed to the Manager Legislation, Victorian WorkCover Authority, GPO Box 4306 Melbourne 3001.

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