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REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Lotteries Gaming and Betting (Raffles and Bingo Permits) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

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 Lotteries Gaming and Betting (Raffles and Bingo Permits) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 ("the proposed Regulations").

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to implement full recovery of the costs of assessing and determining each application for a consent or permit, and the costs of monitoring compliance by consent or permit holders with the Lotteries Gaming and Betting Act and the relevant Regulations.

The fees charged for these applications are being adjusted as a result of the removal of surcharges on the prize value of raffles, the sale of lucky envelopes and the conduct of bingo. These surcharges are removed by the **Gaming Acts (Amendment) Act 1996**, which received Royal Assent on 2 July 1996. The sections which abolish surcharge will be proclaimed at the same time that the proposed Regulations come into operation.

The objective to be achieved by the proposed Regulations is the facilitation of the efficient allocation of resources by recovering the costs of administering regulation of minor gaming activities.

The number of alternatives to the Regulations is limited by the requirements of the **Lotteries Gaming and Betting Act 1966**. The intention of Parliament as embodied in this Act and expressed during debate was to establish a minor gaming industry, which should continue to play a major role in funding community and charitable organisations, and to protect players in minor gaming.

The RIS examined one alternative to the proposed Regulations, of setting different fee levels according to the amount of assessment

required to determine each application and the amount of inspection each holder of a permit or consent would require. This alternative was rejected because it would not be possible to identify at application stage those minor gaming activities which would require significant additional resources to assess and monitor.

The RIS concluded that it was most efficient to average the costs of assessment and enforcement across the entire range of minor gaming applications. This recognises that the benefits derived from an expanding base of knowledge and an effective inspection and enforcement plan accrue to all participants in the minor gaming industry, not just those who are the direct subject of assessment or inspection. Averaged in this way, the application costs imposed are considered appropriate to the benefits derived from the regulation and control of minor gaming activities.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying Regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting the Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority (tel: 9628 7333).

Written submissions will be received at the following address up to 5.00 pm on Tuesday 8 October 1996:

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All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 9 September 1996

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