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**Veterinary Board of Victoria
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT
Veterinary Surgeons (Fees) Regulations 1996**

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared in relation to the proposed Veterinary Surgeons (Fees) Regulations 1996.

The reason for the proposed regulations is to increase by 50% the fees relating to the registration and renewal of registration of veterinary surgeons in Victoria.

The objective of the regulations is to increase fees to a level that will enable the Veterinary Board of Victoria (the Board) to recover the full costs of administering the **Veterinary Surgeons Act 1958** and the regulation of veterinary medicine and surgery.

The RIS found that there were no other practicable means of achieving the stated objective other than a revision of the fee structure. However, as the current fee structure accurately reflects the Board's cost structure, the RIS concludes that the current fee structure is appropriate, subject to the proposed increases in registration and renewal fees. The RIS concluded that, whilst the proposed increases will result in a relatively minor financial burden on the veterinary profession, they will enable the Board to continue to meet its statutory obligations in the active monitoring of the practice of veterinary medicine in Victoria. This will be of continuing benefit to not only the profession, but to consumers who use the services of registered veterinarians.

Comments and submissions on the RIS and the proposed Regulations are invited. Copies of the regulations and RIS may be obtained by either writing to the following address or by telephoning the Board on (03) 9387 4236 between the hours of 9.00am and 2.00pm on any week day.

The Registrar
Veterinary Board of Victoria
272 Brunswick Road
Brunswick 3056.

All comments must be in writing and must be received at the above address by no later than 2pm on Thursday 10 October 1996.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 11 September 1996

MARGARET B. WILSON
Registrar

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