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## **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT Australian Grands Prix (Formula One) 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 Australian Grands Prix (Formula One) Regulations 1996.

The first Australian Grand Prix was staged by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation at Albert Park from 7 March to 10 March 1996. The Grand Prix is a major international event that attracted a crowd of 400,000 over the four day period.

The Regulations are needed to ensure the safe and efficient construction of the facilities required for the operation of the event, while at the same time preserving the safe use of the park for the community. The Regulations are also required to enable the efficient and safe management of the event and to maximise the safe enjoyment of the event by spectators.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are:

- (a) to ensure an appropriate degree of safety of the persons in the area of Albert Park during construction and dismantling of the infrastructure required for the staging of the Grand Prix; and
- (b) to enable the management, control and running of the event in such a manner so that patrons have a safe, comfortable and enjoyable environment in which to watch a race and participate in the festivities.

The RIS examined alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The alternatives would involve contractually binding patrons at the event to conditions controlling their conduct during the event combined with fencing off of the entire park while construction works were being carried out. This combination of alternatives was rejected for several reasons.

The first was that attempting to incorporate conditions regulating conduct into the terms of sale of a ticket is not always successful. There has always been doubts expressed by courts of law as to whether all terms can be properly incorporated into the contract. Additionally, it would have no relevance to the users of the park during the construction and dismantling phase of the infrastructure build program as no ticket is required to enter the park at these times. Finally, such a method does not work against the person who enters the event without a ticket and therefore has no contract with the Corporation.

The suggestion of fencing off the entire park was rejected on the basis that although it would safeguard public safety, it would exclude the public from the park entirely. The proposed Regulations would restrict use of the park (necessary for safety considerations) but it would not exclude it entirely.

The RIS concluded that the proposed Regulations are the most cost effective and efficient means of meeting the objectives.

Public comments are invited on the RIS which includes a copy of the proposed Regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (ph: 03 9258 7100).

Written submissions will be received at the following address up to 9.00 am on 10 December 1996: Chief Executive Officer, Australian Grand Prix Corporation, 220 Albert Road, South Melbourne, 3205.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 9 November 1996

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