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Health and Safety Organisation, Victoria  
**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY  
(CONFINED SPACES) REGULATIONS 1996**

In accordance with the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, notice is given of the availability of the above proposed Regulations and Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for public comment.

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to protect people at work against risks to health or safety arising from entry to or work in a confined space.

The proposed Regulations are based on the *Joint National Standard for Safe Working in a Confined Space*, jointly prepared by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission and Standards Australia, which was endorsed by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission in March 1994 following a comprehensive national development and public comment process.

The costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations are outlined in the RIS. The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations will help reduce the number of confined space-related deaths and injuries.

The main alternative to the proposed Regulations considered in the RIS is an approval system. The RIS suggests that while this alternative has similar benefits to the proposed Regulations, it would impose greater costs.

The RIS concludes that the proposed Regulations are the most cost-effective way of achieving the objective.

Notice is also given under Section 8 (2) of the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 1985** of the proposal to make a Code of Practice for Confined Spaces. The proposed Code will provide practical guidance to persons on how to meet their obligations under the proposed Regulations. Written comments on the proposed Code are now also invited.

Copies of the proposed Regulations, RIS and Code of Practice may be obtained by writing to: Mr Garry Radley, Manager, Standards

Development and Co-ordination Unit, Health and Safety Organisation, Victoria, PO Box 414, Melbourne 3005, or by telephoning Ms Natalie Benko on (03) 9628 8524.

Submissions on the proposed Regulations, RIS and Code should be directed to the above address by no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

Any queries about the draft Regulations or Code should be directed to Ms Sue Ward McGurty or Mr Owen Bruhn (telephone number (03) 9628 8311), while any questions about the RIS should be directed to Ms Lyn Schrader (telephone number (03) 9628 8517).

To assist the HSO it is requested that comments on any of these documents be listed as general comments and/or more detailed comments, and that any detailed comments be identified by relevant section headings and numbers. Typed submissions would also be preferred. All submissions received will be treated as public documents.

ROGER PESCOTT  
Minister for Industry Services

## SECTION 134—LAND ACT—CROWN LEASE

Notice is hereby given that the Melbourne Exhibition Centre Trust has applied for Crown Lease pursuant to section 134 of the **Land Act 1958** for a term of five (5) years to be granted from 13 February 1996 in respect of Crown Allotment 2A Section 84, Parish of Melbourne South, City of South Melbourne for uses ancillary to the Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

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**Senate Elections Act 1958** (No. 6365)  
ELECTION OF SENATORS FOR VICTORIA  
The Governor-in-Council under Section 3 of  
the **Senate Elections Act 1958**, fixes the  
following dates for the election of six Senators  
for Victoria of the Parliament of the  
Commonwealth:

The issue of the writ: 29 January 1996  
The close of the rolls: 5 February 1996  
The close of nominations: 9 February 1996  
Polling day: 2 March 1996  
The return of the writ on or before: 8 May  
1996.

Dated 29 January 1996

Responsible Minister:

The Honourable JAN WADE, M.P.  
Attorney-General

KATHY WILSON  
Clerk of the Executive Council

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