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**SPECIAL**

**Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**  
**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF**  
**REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT**  
Parks (Catchment Protection) Regulations 1997

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 Park (Catchment Protection) Regulations 1997.

The objectives to be achieved by the proposed Regulations are to:

- (a) to protect the designated water supply catchment areas in Kinglake National Park and Yarra Ranges National Park;
- (b) to maintain the water quality and otherwise protect the water resources on or in the designated water supply catchment areas in Kinglake National Park and Yarra Ranges National Park;
- (c) to control access to the designated water supply catchment areas in Kinglake National Park and Yarra Ranges National Park;
- (d) to protect the structures and installations in the designated water supply catchment areas in Kinglake National Park and Yarra Ranges National Park.

The reason for the proposed Regulations is to amend the Park Regulations 1992 to take into account the additional requirements relating to the protection and management of the designated water supply catchment areas contained in Kinglake and Yarra Ranges National Parks. These areas are an important part of Melbourne's water supply system.

The RIS examined two alternatives to the proposed Park (Catchment Protection) Regulations 1997:

- (a) relying on the use of existing legislation;
- (b) allowing open access to the water supply catchment areas and providing full water treatment.

The RIS demonstrates that the proposed Regulations are the most effective means of meeting the objectives by establishing an efficient protective regulatory regime over the catchment areas without incurring the very high costs of full water treatment.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from the Information Centre, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Ground Floor, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, 3002 (phone 9637 8080) between 8.30am and 5.30pm, or at <http://www.nre.vic.gov.au/ris/>.

Public comments or submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS are invited. All comments or submissions must be in writing and must be received at Parks, Flora and Fauna (Attention: Mr G Niewand), Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Level 14, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, 3002 or at [ris.parkl@nre.vic.gov.au](mailto:ris.parkl@nre.vic.gov.au) by no later than 5.30pm on Monday 10 November 1997.

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

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