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Health Services Act 1988

AN ORDER AMENDING THE NAME OF THE NORTH EASTERN HEALTH CARE NETWORK PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF THE HEALTH SERVICES ACT 1988

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, acting under section 8(1) of the Health Services Act 1988, by this Order amends Schedule 3 to the Health Services Act 1988 by –

(a) amending the name of the North Eastern Health Care Network to the "Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre".

This Order shall have effect on the day of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Dated 28 October 1997 Responsible Minister: ROB KNOWLES Minister for Health

> SHARNE BRYAN Clerk of the Executive Council

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(a) amending the name of the Western Health Care Network to the "North Western Health Care Network".

This Order shall have effect on the day of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Dated 28 October 1997 Responsible Minister: ROB KNOWLES

Minister for Health

SHARNE BRYAN Clerk of the Executive Council

Electricity Industry Act 1993 NOTICE

Relevant Date for the purposes of section 153TO(2)

In the exercise of powers given under section 153TQ(2) of the **Electricity Industry Act 1993** (the "Act") I hereby fix 27 October 1997 as the relevant date for the purposes of an allocation statement under section 153TS of the Act pursuant to which certain property, rights and liabilities of Victorian Power Exchange will be allocated to Victorian Electricity Metering Pty Ltd (ACN 078 906 117) and State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

Dated 31 October 1997

A R STOCKDALE Minister responsible for the Electricity Industry Act 1993

Electricity Industry Act 1993 NOTICE

Relevant Date for the purposes of section 153TQ(2)

In the exercise of powers given under section 153TQ(2) of the Electricity Industry Act 1993 (the "Act") I hereby fix the date of completion of the Asset Sale Agreement dated 12 October 1997 between the State, Power Net Victoria, Australian Transmission Corporation and GPU, Inc. as the relevant date for the purposes of:

- (a) an allocation statement under section 153TS of the Act pursuant to which Power Net Victoria's property, rights and liabilities (with specified exclusions) will be allocated to GPU PowerNet Pty Ltd ACN 079 798 173 (formerly Australian Transmission Corporation Pty Ltd); and
- (b) a document referred to in section 153TZD(1) of the Act listing the officers and employees of Power Net Victoria who will be regarded as

having been employed by GPU PowerNet Pty Ltd ACN 079 798 173. Dated 31 October 1997

3 November 1997

A R STOCKDALE Minister responsible for the Electricity Industry Act 1993

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT Road Safety (Vehicles) (Registration Amendment) Regulations 1997

Notice is given in accordance with section 11 of the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 that a Regulatory Impact Statement has been prepared in relation to the Road Safety (Vehicles) (Registration Amendment) Regulations 1997.

Victoria adopted nationally agreed registration charges for all heavy vehicles on 1 January 1996. These charges were set to recover the full cost of road wear. When the charges were adopted, primary producer vehicles were not included in the charges in order to allow greater consultation with primary producers.

The Road Safety (Vehicles) (Registration Amendment) 1997 are proposed in order to extend the national charges to primary producers, to introduce six month registration and part year registration to all heavy vehicles, and to remove certificate of roadworthiness requirements from changes of registration status of currently registered vehicles. The Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared to address the extension of national charges to primary producers.

The objectives of the regulations subject to the RIS are to:

- * introduce the nationally adopted method of separating light and heavy vehicle registration categories and to introduce the separation point between the categories as 4.5 tonnes Mass Rating for Charges (MRC);
- * introduce the national heavy vehicle charging system for heavy primary producer vehicles; and
- * provide reductions of 50%, 55.56% and 80% (depending on vehicle type and use) in the national charges for primary producers.

The RIS proposes that primary producers are provided reduced fees because:

* primary producer heavy vehicles have lower road use and cause less road wear because average laden travel distances are significantly less than those in most other industries;

- * a large proportion of primary producer vehicle travel is on local and farm roads, not on arterial roads or highways; and
- * primary production makes a unique contribution to the Victorian economy.

The RIS identifies and examines three principal alternatives to the proposed regulations: (i) retaining the existing flat registration fee of \$183.60 for heavy vehicles, (ii) adopting full national charges, (iii) and adopting a flat 50% rebate system.

The RIS does not support the above alternatives because:

- * retaining the current fees will continue the current inadequate recovery of road wear costs, and adversely affect Victoria's program of national transport reforms;
- * adopting the full national charges would impose a substantial cost burden that could severely affect primary producers, and have a multiplier effect on local economies;
- * adopting a flat 50% rebate would impose significant registration fee increases on several primary producer vehicle categories.

The RIS concludes that although the proposed regulations represent a restriction on competition for primary producers from those jurisdictions not offering concessional registration, any anti-competitive impact of the concessions does not outweigh the public benefits.

The proposed regulations will require distinctive number plates to be fitted to heavy vehicles which are registered under the primary producer category.

Public comments are invited on the RIS and accompanying regulations. Copies may be obtained by contacting John Lewis of VicRoads Registration and Licensing Department (03) 9854 2728 or by e:mail: lewisi@vrnotes.roads.vic.gov.au

All submissions will be received up to 5:00pm on 3 December 1997 at the following address: John Wright, Senior Policy Analyst - Vehicle Registration, 60 Denmark Street Kew 3101 or by e:mail: wrightj@vrnotes.roads.vic.gov.au

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Dated 3 November 1997

COLIN JORDAN Chief Executive Officer Victoria Government Gazette

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