Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Electricity Safety Act 1998

As Minister responsible for the **Electricity Safety Act 1998**, I give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that I have recommended the making of the Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2020 (the proposed Regulations). These will replace the Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2010 (the Current Regulations), which expire on 31 December 2020.

A regulatory impact statement for the proposed Regulations was made available for public comment and submissions from 28 August 2020 until 25 September 2020. Energy Safe Victoria received 29 submissions.

After consideration of the submissions in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, I have decided to proceed with the making of the proposed Regulations with the following amendments:

- new definitions were added to better define electrical work;
- a requirement to apply for a licence within five years of undergoing a relevant assessment has been expanded to several licence types to ensure consistency;
- a restricted class of lineworker licence, for cable jointing, was added;
- a supervised class of lineworker licence, for the traction network, was expanded and moved from within a schedule to its own regulation;
- the requirement that an electrical contractor business supervisor or nominee must have completed a training course or have equivalent experience was retained;
- an option to waive fees for a licence holder applying for an additional class of licence was added;
- references to installation distribution and transmission conductors were removed to allow work on a private customer installation to continue to be provided by A-Grade electricians, and consequentially a limited ability for electricians to perform linework was removed; and
- other minor, miscellaneous and technical amendments.

Dated 1 December 2020

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