

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2020

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 Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2020 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations, to be made under the **Electricity Safety Act 1998** (the Act), are intended to replace the Electricity Safety (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2010, which sunset on 31 December 2020.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are:

- (a) provide for the registration of electrical contractors;
- (b) provide for the licensing of electrical workers;
- (c) prescribe fees, penalties and other matters authorised by the Act;
- (d) prescribe certain provisions of the proposed Regulations as provisions in respect of which infringement notices may be served.

The proposed Regulations will also prescribe, for the first time, some types of electrical linework as being work that may only be carried out by licensed electrical lineworkers.* The proposed Regulations will also enable Energy Safe Victoria to require licensed electrical workers to complete skills maintenance and skills development activities before being able to renew their electrical worker's licence.# These requirements are commonly referred to as continuing professional development or CPD requirements.

The RIS examines the impact of the proposed Regulations and possible alternatives, and concludes that the proposed Regulations are the best means of meeting the objectives of the Act and the proposed Regulations.

You can obtain a copy of the RIS and the proposed Regulations by:

- downloading them at www.esv.vic.gov.au, or
- calling Energy Safe Victoria, 03 9203 9700.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on the RIS and the proposed Regulations.

All comments must be in writing and received at the following addresses by no later than 5:00 pm on Friday 25 September 2020 by:

- email to—
Consultation@energysafe.vic.gov.au
- post to—
RIS submissions
Risk, Regulatory Planning & Policy
Energy Safe Victoria
PO Box 262
Collins St West, Victoria 8007

All submissions will be treated as public documents.

Energy Safe Victoria will also be hosting a series of online public consultation sessions during the public consultation period. Visit www.esv.vic.gov.au for further details and to register.

Dated: 25 August 2020

HON. LILY D'AMBROSIO
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

*Lineworkers registered with Energy Safe Victoria will, from 1 January 2021, be automatically licensed to carry out the linework they hold a registration for. A lineworker that is automatically licensed will receive a licence free of charge after 1 January 2021. Further details will be provided by Energy Safe Victoria during the public consultation period.

If the proposed Regulations are made without any changes there will be a staged introduction of Skills Maintenance and Skills Development requirements. Skills Maintenance and Skills Development requirements will not apply to any licence renewals until 2023 at the earliest.