

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994  
NOTICE OF DECISION  
Water (General) Regulations 2021

I, Richard Wynne, Acting Minister for Water, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to make the proposed Water (General) Regulations 2021 (the proposed Regulations).

The proposed Regulations are to be made under the **Water Act 1989** (the Act) and will replace and consolidate the following regulations which sunset or expire in 2021:

- The Water (Subdivisional Easements and Reserves) Regulations 2011;
- The Water (Notice of Disposition of Land) Regulations 2020;
- The Water (Register of Interests) Regulations 2020; and
- The Water (Long Service Leave) Regulations 2011.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to:

- a) prescribe the form of returns for, and applications to inspect, the register of interests; and
- b) provide for notice of disposition of land; and
- c) prescribe the rights of an Authority upon the creation of an easement or reserve for the use of the Authority when land is subdivided; and
- d) provide for long service leave for employees of water corporations.

The proposed Regulations prescribe certain matters necessary for the effective operation of the Act and support administrative processes pertaining to Victoria's water corporations and catchment management authorities.

An exposure draft of the proposed Regulations and a regulatory impact statement were released for public consultation on the Engage Victoria website between 10 December 2020 and 14 January 2021. One written submission was received and has been considered in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**. The key issue raised related to expanding the scope of the notice of disposition of land provided to water corporations when property is sold or transferred. Prior feedback from water corporations advised that it was unnecessary to expand the scope of notices of disposition as that information can already be obtained by water corporations. As a result of the submission, a single change was made to the exposure draft, which was to re-insert the word 'possession' in the notice of disposition of land form in schedule 1.

After considering the comments and submission I give notice of my intention to proceed with the making of the proposed Regulations with minor and technical amendments for the purpose of drafting consistency and clarity.

  
Richard Wynne MP  
Acting Minister for Water

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