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Architects Registration Board of Victoria

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For architects

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ARCHITECTS REGULATIONS - SUNSET

The Regulations are due to 'sunset' on 25 May 2004; extended from 2003.

The Board has prepared revised Regulations and a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for consultation during April this year.

The Regulations continue to operate substantially as they have been; however, the major change is to the Professional Conduct Regulations section following the National Competition Policy reviews of 1999 and 2000 that emphasised change wherever it was thought there may be restrictions on trade.

These changes were consulted on in detail and consensus reached with the RAIA, ACA and Building Commission.

As a result, architects will find that a number of professional conduct regulations have been simplified or deleted.

There are no proposed changes to fees as these were reviewed in 2000. The Board is recommending review of fees within 5 years.

The Regulations and RIS have been approved for publication, they have been placed on the Board's website for your consideration.

Architects may respond to the proposals by writing to the Board. Please check the due date for this in the RIS.

To view the Regulations and RIS our web site the address is www.arbv.vic.gov.au

Look for the link on the Homepage for these documents.

COMPETITION POLICY REVIEW OF THE ARCHITECTS ACT

As a result of Federal Government initiatives to ensure all legislation is not anti-competitive the State Government is reviewing all State legislation, including the Architects Act in this context.

This process has been in place for some time and is nearing completion. Every effort is being made for the revised Act to be presented in Parliament during the first half of this year.

The proposals are still subject to Ministerial and Cabinet approval before release.

WORKING WITH YOUR ARCHITECT

The Board brochure 'Working with your architect' has been well received after its distribution to all architects.

An order form for extra copies is available over the page.

Architects can use this brochure to inform clients about the processes involved in a project.

ANNUAL FEES

Annual fee reminders will be sent during May this year for payment by 1 July.

Architects will be able to use BPAY facilities for these fees from this year.

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