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Dear Mr Radley

ASSESSMENT OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Thank you for seeking an assessment of the revised Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed *Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011*. The original RIS was assessed in March 2010 and met the requirements of section 10 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*.

We note that the RIS was revised to take into account feedback from stakeholders in regards to the proposed changes to the notification period for fireworks displays and the abolition of medium-scale storage licences. We also note the significant changes to the proposed level of fees.

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) assesses the adequacy of RISs as required under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* (the Act). I advise that the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 23 December 2010 meets the requirements of section 10 of the Act.

The VCEC's assessment is based on the adequacy of the evidence presented in the RIS and is focused on the quality of the analysis rather than the merits of the proposal itself.

The VCEC notes that the RIS acknowledges uncertainty regarding the impacts of the change to notification periods for fireworks. Feedback from affected parties during consultation may provide further information on the nature and size of the costs and benefits, which must be taken into account when making the final decision as to whether or not to proceed with the proposal.

In the interests of transparency, most departments and agencies publish this assessment letter alongside the RIS when it is released for consultation. The VCEC recommends that you do the same.

If you have any questions, please contact RegulationReview@vcec.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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