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Dear Mr Presnell

**ADVICE ON THE ADEQUACY OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Thank you for seeking advice on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed Local Government (General) Regulations 2015.

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) advises on the adequacy of a RIS as required under section 10(3) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* (the Act). In doing so, the VCEC's advice refers to the adequacy of the evidence and analysis presented in a RIS. Therefore in providing its advice the VCEC does not express a view on the merits of a proposal.

I advise that the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 20 August 2015 meets the requirements of the Act.

The VCEC notes that the Regulations under review cover a diverse set of issues such as transparency and accountability measures for councils and the fee charged by councils for Land Information Certificates. The nature of some of these issues means that the mainly qualitative assessments in the RIS are appropriate.

To this end, the VCEC notes that the RIS is clear where the Department has made judgements about the impact of different options. This will enable stakeholders to comment on the analysis and veracity of the judgements made in the RIS, particularly on the proposed fee for Land Information Certificates.

As you know, it is longstanding government policy that VCEC's advice be published with the RIS when it is released for consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 9092 5800.

Yours sincerely



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