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Dear Mr Toop

ADVICE ON THE ADEQUACY OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Thank you for seeking advice on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed *Wildlife (Game) Regulations 2012*.

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) advises on the adequacy of RISs as required under section 10(3) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* (the Act). I advise that the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 16 July 2012 meets the requirements of section 10 of the Act.

The VCEC's advice 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. **Therefore, the VCEC's advice that the RIS is adequate does not represent an endorsement of the proposal.**

In providing this advice, the VCEC notes that the analysis of fees options in the RIS is focussed on the level of cost recovery and that subjective judgements are made regarding the impact of these options – in terms of efficiency, equity and effectiveness – to determine the preferred approach. The RIS transparently explains the basis for the judgements made by the Department of Primary Industries and stakeholders are explicitly invited to comment on the overall approach to cost recovery, including the proposed exemptions and concessions.

It is Government policy that, in the interests of transparency, VCEC's advice be published with the RIS when it is released for public consultation.

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

Yours sincerely

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