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### The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:

### **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

### 1 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to provide for the organisation of emergency management in Victoria.

### 2 Commencement

This Act comes into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

# 3 Repeal

The State Disasters Act 1983 is repealed.

### 4 Definitions

(1) In this Act—

active standby duty means being available at a particular place so that assistance can be quickly provided in the event of an emergency or a request for assistance;

agency means a government agency or a nongovernment agency;

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S. 1 substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 3.

No. 10010.

S. 4(1) def. of active standby duty inserted by No. 50/1989 s. 50(a).

S. 4(1) def. of casual emergency worker inserted by No. 75/1986 s. 4, repealed by No. 97/1994 s. 4(1).

S. 4(1) def. of chief officer inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 35.

S. 4(1) def. of *Commissioner* inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 4, amended by No. 108/2004 s. 117(1) (Sch. 3 item 65.1).

S. 4(1) def. of Co-ordinator in Chief amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(a).

S. 4(1) def. of Council amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(b).

S. 4(1) def. of Deputy Coordinator in Chief amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(a).

# chief officer in relation to a fire services agency—

- (a) means the Chief Fire Officer of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Chief Officer of the Country Fire Authority and the Chief Officer of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services; and
- (b) includes any person nominated by a person referred to in paragraph (a) to exercise the powers of that person under section 16, 16A or 16B;

Commissioner means the person who, for the time being, is employed as Emergency Services
 Commissioner under the Public
 Administration Act 2004;

**Co-ordinator in Chief** means the Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management;

Council means the Victoria Emergency
Management Council established under section 8;

**Deputy Co-ordinator in Chief** means the Deputy Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management; **DISPLAN** means the state emergency response plan referred to in section 10;

emergency means an emergency due to the actual or imminent occurrence of an event which in any way endangers or threatens to endanger the safety or health of any person in Victoria or which destroys or damages, or threatens to destroy or damage, any property in Victoria or endangers or threatens to endanger the environment or an element of the environment in Victoria including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing—

- (a) an earthquake, flood, wind-storm or other natural event; and
- (b) a fire; and
- (c) an explosion; and
- (d) a road accident or any other accident; and
- (e) a plague or an epidemic; and
- (f) a warlike act, whether directed at Victoria or a part of Victoria or at any other State or Territory of the Commonwealth; and
- (g) a hi-jack, siege or riot; and
- (h) a disruption to an essential service;

### emergency activity means—

- (a) performing a role or discharging a responsibility of an agency in accordance with DISPLAN or the state emergency recovery plan; or
- (b) training or practising for an activity

S. 4(1) def. of DISPLAN amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(c).

S. 4(1) def. of emergency amended by Nos 97/1994 s. 4(2)(a)(b), 50/1999 s. 34(1)(a).

S. 4(1) def. of emergency activity inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 4(3).

- S. 4(1) def. of emergency area inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 4(3).
- S. 4(1) def. of emergency management inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 4(3).
- S. 4(1) def. of emergency services agency inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 4, amended by No. 51/2005 s. 58(2).

S. 4(1) def. of Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority Inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 36.

- referred to in paragraph (a) or being on active standby duty; or
- (c) travelling to or from the place where an activity referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) has occurred or is to occur;
- emergency area means an emergency area declared under section 36A;
- emergency management means the organisation and management of resources for dealing with all aspects of emergencies;
- emergency services agency means any of the
  following—
  - (a) the Country Fire Authority established under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958;
  - (b) the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board established under the **Metropolitan Fire Brigades Act 1958**;
  - (c) the Victoria State Emergency Service Authority established under the Victoria State Emergency Service Act 2005;
  - (d) any other prescribed agency;

Emergency Services Telecommunications
Authority has the same meaning as
Authority has in the Emergency Services
Telecommunications Authority Act 2004;

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essential service means any of the following services—

- (a) transport;
- (b) fuel (including gas);
- (c) light;
- (d) power;
- (e) water;
- (f) sewerage;
- (g) a service (whether or not of a type similar to the foregoing) declared to be an essential service by the Governor in Council under subsection (2);

*fire services agency* has the same meaning as in the Fire Services Commissioner Act 2010;

Fire Services Commissioner means the person appointed under section 5 of the Fire Services Commissioner Act 2010;

### government agency means—

- (a) any body corporate or unincorporate constituted by or under any Act for a public purpose; and
- (b) any member or officer of such a body; and
- (c) any person in the service of the Crown in the right of the State of Victoria upon whom any function, power, duty or responsibility is conferred by or under any Act;

S. 4(1) def. of essential service inserted by No. 50/1999 s. 34(1)(b).

S. 4(1) def. of fire services agency inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 35.

S. 4(1) def. of Fire Services Commissioner inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 35.

S. 4(1) def. of major fire inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 35.

S. 4(1) def. of region repealed by No. 97/1994 s. 8(a).

S. 4(1) def. of volunteer emergency worker inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 4(3).

S. 4(1) def. of zone repealed by No. 97/1994 s. 8(a).

S. 4(2) inserted by No. 50/1999 s. 34(2).

S. 4(2) repealed by No. 97/1994 s. 4(4), new s. 4(2) inserted by No. 86/1998 s. 19, re-numbered s. 4(3) by No. 74/2000 s. 3(Sch. 1 item 40), substituted b y No. 59/2003 s. 117, repealed by No. 74/2006 s. 24.

# major fire has the same meaning as in the Fire Services Commissioner Act 2010;

non-government agency means a voluntary organization or any other person or body other than a government agency;

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**State Co-ordinator** means the State Co-ordinator of DISPLAN referred to in section 11;

worker who engages in emergency activity at the request (whether directly or indirectly) or with the express or implied consent of the chief executive (however designated), or of a person acting with the authority of the chief executive, of an agency to which DISPLAN or the state emergency recovery plan applies;

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(2) The Governor in Council, by order published in the Government Gazette, may declare a service to be an essential service for the purposes of this Act.

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S. 4(3) repealed by No. 75/1986 s. 5.

# 4A Objectives of Act

The objectives of this Act are to ensure that the following components of emergency management are organised within a structure which facilitates planning, preparedness, operational co-ordination and community participation—

- (a) prevention—the elimination or reduction of the incidence or severity of emergencies and the mitigation of their effects;
- (b) response—the combating of emergencies and the provision of rescue and immediate relief services;
- (c) recovery—the assisting of persons and communities affected by emergencies to achieve a proper and effective level of functioning.

S. 4A inserted by No. 97/1994

s. 5.

### S. 5(1) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(d).

### S. 5(2) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(e).

#### S. 6(a) substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 6.

S. 8(1) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(f).

#### **PART 2—ADMINISTRATION**

### 5 Co-ordinator in Chief and Deputy

- (1) The Minister is the Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Co-ordinator in Chief shall appoint a Deputy Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management who must be the Chief Commissioner of Police.

### 6 Role of Co-ordinator in Chief

The role of the Co-ordinator in Chief is to—

- (a) ensure that adequate emergency management measures are taken by government agencies; and
- (b) co-ordinate the activities of government agencies carrying out their statutory functions, powers, duties and responsibilities in taking such measures.

### 7 Delegation by Co-ordinator in Chief

The Co-ordinator in Chief may, by instrument, delegate to the Deputy Co-ordinator in Chief or any other person any power or function of the Co-ordinator in Chief under this Act or the regulations, except this power of delegation.

### 8 Victoria Emergency Management Council

(1) There is hereby established a council to be called the Victoria Emergency Management Council to advise the Co-ordinator in Chief on all matters, including the co-ordination of activities of government and non-government agencies, relating to the prevention of, response to and recovery from emergencies.

S. 8(2)(a) substituted by No. 48/2000 s. 5(1).

- (2) The Council is to consist of—
  - (a) the Co-ordinator in Chief or a person nominated by the Co-ordinator in Chief as chairperson; and
  - (b) to represent each of those agencies referred to in subsection (1) which the Co-ordinator in Chief considers should be so represented, a person nominated—
    - (i) in the case of a government agency, by the responsible Minister; and
    - (ii) in the case of a non-government agency, by the agency.
- (3) The person appointed from time to time as the Commissioner is to be the executive officer of the Council.

S. 8(3) repealed by No. 75/1986 s. 6, new s. 8(3) inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 5(2).

# 9 Committees established by Co-ordinator in Chief

The Co-ordinator in Chief, after considering the advice of the Council, may establish such committees as are necessary to ensure comprehensive and integrated emergency management.

### 9A Change of names or titles

Despite the changes of names or titles made by section 7(1) of the **Emergency Management** (Amendment) Act 1994—

(a) the Victoria Emergency Management Council is deemed to be the same body as the State Disasters Council; S. 9A inserted by No. 3/1999 s. 5. s. 9A

- (b) the Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management is deemed to be the same person as the Co-ordinator in Chief of Disaster Control;
- (c) the Deputy Co-ordinator in Chief of Emergency Management is deemed to be the same person as the Deputy Co-ordinator in Chief of Disaster Control;
- (d) DISPLAN is deemed to be a state emergency response plan—

and no act, matter or thing is in any way abated or affected by that change.

### PART 3—DISPLAN

## 10 Co-ordinator in Chief to prepare DISPLAN

- (1) The Co-ordinator in Chief must arrange for the preparation and review from time to time of a state emergency response plan, to be called DISPLAN, for the co-ordinated response to emergencies by all agencies having roles or responsibilities in relation to the response to emergencies.
- (2) The Co-ordinator in Chief must consult with the Victoria Emergency Management Council before arranging for the preparation and review of DISPLAN.

S. 10 amended by Nos 75/1986 s. 7(a), 97/1994 s. 7(1)(g).

S. 10(2) inserted by No. 75/1986 s. 7(b), amended by No. 97/1994 s. 7(1)(f).

# 11 State Co-ordinator and Deputy

- (1) The State Co-ordinator of DISPLAN is to be the Chief Commissioner of Police who is to be responsible under DISPLAN for the co-ordination of the activities of agencies having roles or responsibilities in relation to the response to emergencies.
- (2) The State Co-ordinator must appoint a member of the police force to be a Deputy State Co-ordinator of DISPLAN to assist the State Co-ordinator.

### 12 Delegation by State Co-ordinator

The State Co-ordinator may, by instrument, delegate to the Deputy State Co-ordinator of DISPLAN or any other person any power or function of the State Co-ordinator under this Act or the regulations, except this power of delegation.

S. 13(1) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 8(b).

S. 13(2)(a) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 8(c).

S. 13(2)(b) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 8(c)(d).

S. 13(2)(c) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 8(d).

S. 14 amended by No. 97/1994 s. 8(e).

### 13 Regional and municipal district Co-ordinators

- (1) The State Co-ordinator must appoint a member of the police force to be a Co-ordinator of DISPLAN for each region and municipal district.
- (2) In the event of an emergency, directions concerning the allocation of resources in responding to that emergency may be given to all relevant agencies having roles or responsibilities in relation to the response to emergencies by—
  - (a) in the case of an emergency which affects one municipal district only, the co-ordinator appointed for that municipal district; or
  - (b) in the case of an emergency which affects more than one municipal district within a region, the co-ordinator appointed for that region; or
  - (c) in the case of an emergency which affects more than one region, the State Co-ordinator.

### 14 DISPLAN Committees

The State Co-ordinator may establish, at State and regional levels, such committees as are necessary to plan the co-ordinated response to emergencies by all agencies having roles or responsibilities in relation to the response to emergencies.

### 15 DISPLAN

DISPLAN is to contain provisions—

- (a) identifying, in relation to each form of emergency specified, the agency primarily responsible for responding to the emergency (referred to in this section as the *responsible agency*); and
- (b) relating to the co-ordination of the activities of other agencies in support of a responsible

- agency in the event of an emergency; and
- (c) specifying the roles of agencies in the event of an emergency; and
- (d) specifying the roles and responsibilities of co-ordinators appointed under section 13; and
- (e) defining regions for the purpose of section 13.

### 16 Control of response to major fires

- The Fire Services Commissioner has the overall control of response activities in relation to a major fire—
  - (a) which is burning; or
  - (b) which may occur; or
  - (c) which has occurred—

in any area of the State.

- (2) The Fire Services Commissioner may take overall control of response activities from any one or more of the fire services agencies in relation to a fire if the Fire Services Commissioner considers the fire has become, or reasonably believes has the potential to become, a major fire.
- (3) A chief officer of a fire services agency may transfer overall control of response activities in relation to a fire to the Fire Services Commissioner if the chief officer considers that the fire has become, or reasonably believes has the potential to become, a major fire.
- (4) The Fire Services Commissioner may appoint a chief officer or another officer of one of the fire services agencies to have the overall control of

S. 15(c) substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 9

S. 15(d) amended by No. 97/1994 s. 8(f).

S. 15(e) inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 8(f).

S. 16 amended by Nos 75/1986 s. 8, 46/1998 s. 7(Sch. 1), 73/2009 s. 9, substituted b y No. 73/2010 s. 36. response activities referred to in subsection (1).

- (5) The Fire Services Commissioner, or a chief officer or any officer appointed under subsection (4), may—
  - (a) appoint one or more assistant controllers for the major fire; or
  - (b) transfer control of any response activity to one or more other persons.
- (6) An appointment of an officer under subsection (4) or (5)(a) has effect for the period specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (7) The Fire Services Commissioner, or a chief officer or any officer appointed under subsection (4) or (5)(a), who has overall control of response activities in relation to a major fire in any place in Victoria may exercise the powers and authorities conferred by the **Country Fire Authority Act**1958 on the Chief Officer of the Country Fire Authority in relation to the control of response activities in relation to the major fire in relation to which he or she has overall control.
- (8) The provisions of this section prevail over sections 33(2) and 93B(1) of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 and section 55E of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Act 1958.

# 16A What if Fire Services Commissioner is unavailable to perform function of overall control of major fire

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) there is a major fire which is burning, or a major fire may occur or which has occurred, in any area of the State; and
  - (b) the Fire Services Commissioner is unavailable to perform a duty or exercise a function under section 16.

S. 16A inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 10, substituted b y No. 73/2010 s. 36.

- (2) The chief officers of the fire services agencies may, by agreement, appoint the chief officer or another officer of one of the agencies to have the overall control of response activities in relation to the major fire.
- (3) In the absence of an agreement under subsection (2), the State Co-ordinator may direct a chief officer to appoint a chief officer or another officer of one of the agencies to have the overall control of response activities in relation to the major fire.
- (4) A chief officer or other officer appointed under subsection (2) or (3) may—
  - (a) appoint one or more assistant controllers for the fire; or
  - (b) transfer control of any response activity to one or more other persons.
- (5) An appointment of an officer under subsection (2), (3) or (4)(a) has effect for the period specified in the instrument of appointment.
- (6) Any officer appointed under subsection (2), (3) or (4)(a) may, in the case of a major fire in any place in Victoria, exercise the powers and authorities conferred by the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 on the Chief Officer of the Country Fire Authority in relation to the control of response activities in relation to the major fire in relation to which he or she has overall control.
- (7) The provisions of this section prevail over sections 33(2) and 93B(1) of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 and section 55E of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Act 1958.
- 16B State Co-ordinator may advise or direct Fire Services Commissioner and chief fire officers to exercise major fire control powers

The State Co-ordinator may advise, or if the State

S. 16B inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 36.

Co-ordinator considers it necessary, direct—

- (a) the Fire Services Commissioner to exercise his or her power under section 16(2) or (4);
- (b) a chief officer to exercise his or her power under section 16(3);
- (c) the Fire Services Commissioner, or a chief officer or other officer appointed under section 16(4), to exercise his or her power under section 16(5);
- (d) a chief officer or other officer appointed under subsection 16A(2) or (3) to exercise his or her power under section 16A(4).

### 16C Control of emergency responses other than fire

- (1) At the request of a State Co-ordinator or of their own volition, the officers in charge of agencies having roles or responsibilities in relation to emergency response or the senior officer of each such agency may determine the priority of the responsibilities of those agencies either during or in anticipation of an emergency.
- (2) In the absence of an agreement under subsection (1), the State Co-ordinator may determine the priority of the response roles of the agencies.
- (3) This section does not apply to an emergency to which section 16 or 16A applies.

### 17 Publication

As soon as practicable after DISPLAN is prepared or reviewed the Co-ordinator in Chief must—

S. 16C inserted by No. 73/2010

- (a) in such manner as the Co-ordinator in Chief determines, publish DISPLAN or details of the results of the review (as the case requires); and
- (b) forward a copy of DISPLAN or details of the results of the review (as the case requires) to every agency to which DISPLAN applies.

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#### PART 3A—RECOVERY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Pt 3A (Heading and ss 17A–17F) inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11.

# 17A Co-ordinator in Chief to prepare recovery plan

- S. 17A inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11.
- (1) The Co-ordinator in Chief must arrange for the preparation and review from time to time of a state emergency recovery plan for the co-ordinated planning and management of emergency recovery.
- (2) The Co-ordinator in Chief must consult with the Victoria Emergency Management Council before arranging for the preparation or review of the state emergency recovery plan.

# 17B Co-ordinating agency and State Recovery Co-ordinator

- (1) The Co-ordinator in Chief must appoint an agency having a role or responsibility in relation to emergency recovery to be the co-ordinating agency for recovery.
- (2) The co-ordinating agency must, in consultation with the Co-ordinator in Chief, appoint an officer or employee of the co-ordinating agency to be the State Recovery Co-ordinator.

# 17C Delegation by State Recovery Co-ordinator

The State Recovery Co-ordinator may, by instrument, delegate to any person any power or function of the State Recovery Co-ordinator under this Act or the regulations or any other Act, other than this power of delegation.

S. 17B inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11.

S. 17C inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11. s. 17D

S. 17D inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11

S. 17E inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11.

S. 17F inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 11.

## 17D Regional Co-ordinators

The State Recovery Co-ordinator must appoint a person to be a Co-ordinator of Recovery for each region.

### 17E Recovery Committees

The State Recovery Co-ordinator may establish at State and regional levels, such committees as are necessary to plan co-ordinated emergency recovery by all agencies having roles or responsibilities in relation to emergency recovery.

# 17F State emergency recovery plan

The state emergency recovery plan is to contain provisions—

- (a) specifying the roles of agencies in emergency recovery;
- (b) relating to the co-ordination of the activities of agencies;
- (c) specifying the roles and responsibilities of co-ordinators appointed under section 17D;
- (d) defining regions for the purpose of section 17D.

Pt4 (Heading and ss 18-21) amended by No. 12/1989 s. 4(1)(Sch. 2 items 34.1-34.7 (as amended by No. 13/1990 s. 38(1)(m)), 34.8, 34.9), substituted as Pt 4 (Heading and ss 18-21A) by No. 97/1994 s. 12.

### PART 4—RESPONSIBILITIES OF MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

S. 18 substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 12.

# 18 Municipal councils may co-operate

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, 2 or more municipal councils may co-operate in relation to emergency management.
- (2) Unless section 19 applies, although 2 or more municipal councils may plan and act jointly in relation to emergency management, each of the municipal councils is separately responsible for discharging the responsibilities imposed on a municipal council by or under this Part.

### 19 Municipal councils may appoint a principal

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, 2 or more municipal councils may, with the approval of the Co-ordinator in Chief, appoint one of the municipal councils to be the principal municipal council in relation to emergency management.
- (2) If a principal municipal council is appointed, this Part applies as if—
  - (a) a reference to a municipal council is a reference to the principal municipal council; and
  - (b) a reference to a municipal district is a

S. 19 substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 12. reference to the whole area of the municipal districts of all the municipal councils which have appointed the principal municipal council.

### 20 Municipal emergency management plan

- (1) A municipal council must prepare and maintain a municipal emergency management plan.
- (2) A municipal emergency management plan must contain provisions—
  - (a) identifying the municipal resources (being resources owned by or under the direct control of the municipal council) and other resources available for use in the municipal district for emergency prevention, response and recovery; and
  - (b) specifying how such resources are to be used for emergency prevention, response and recovery; and
  - (ba) in the case of a municipal district that is located wholly or partly in the country area of Victoria within the meaning of the **Country Fire Authority Act 1958**
    - (i) identifying all designated neighbourhood safer places in the municipal district or, if no places have been designated under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958, recording that fact; and
    - (ii) designating any places in the municipal district that are community fire refuges within the meaning of Part IIIA of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958; and
    - (c) relating to any matter prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

S. 20 substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 12.

S. 20(2)(ba) inserted by No. 73/2009 s. 10.

S. 21 substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 12

## 21 Municipal co-ordination and planning

- (1) A municipal council must appoint a person or persons to be the municipal emergency resource officer or municipal emergency resource officers.
- (2) A municipal emergency resource officer is responsible to the municipal council for ensuring the co-ordination of municipal resources to be used in emergency response and recovery.
- (3) A municipal council must appoint a municipal emergency planning committee constituted by persons appointed by the municipal council being members and employees of the municipal council, response and recovery agencies and local community groups involved in emergency management issues.
- (4) The function of a municipal emergency planning committee is to prepare a draft municipal emergency management plan for consideration by the municipal council.
- (5) A municipal emergency planning committee must give effect to any direction or guidelines issued by the Co-ordinator in Chief.
- (6) Subject to the regulations, a municipal emergency planning committee may determine its own procedures.

### 21A Audit of municipal emergency management plans

- (1) A municipal emergency management plan must be audited during the period commencing 1 July 1995 and ending 31 December 1996 and thereafter at least once every 3 years by the Director of the Victoria State Emergency Service to assess whether the plan complies with guidelines issued by the Co-ordinator in Chief.
- (2) The Director of the Victoria State Emergency Service must during the audit invite submissions

S. 21A inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 12.

s. 21A

- on the municipal plan from the regional DISPLAN committee and the regional recovery committee.
- (3) A municipal council must within 3 months of receiving an audit report forward a copy of its written response to the audit report to the Director of the Victoria State Emergency Service.

s. 21B

Pt 4A (Heading and ss 21B–21I) inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6.

S. 21B inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6, amended by No. 108/2004 s. 117(1) (Sch. 3 item 65.2).

S. 21C inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6.

S. 21C(1)(a) amended by No. 73/2010 s. 37(1).

S. 21C(1)(ab) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 37.

S. 21C(1)(aba) inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 37(2).

S. 21C(1) (abb) inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 37(2).

# PART 4A—STANDARDS FOR THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCIES

# 21B Emergency Services Commissioner

There is to be an Emergency Services Commissioner employed under Part 3 of the **Public Administration Act 2004**.

### 21C Functions and powers of the Commissioner

- (1) The Commissioner has the following functions—
  - (a) to establish standards for the prevention and management of emergencies to be adopted by all emergency services agencies (other than fire services agencies);
  - (ab) to monitor and investigate the performance (in matters that are not financial matters) of the Emergency Services
    Telecommunications Authority in relation to the provision of services by the Authority to emergency services and other related services organisations;
  - (aba) to monitor the performance of emergency service agencies against standards prepared under section 21D;
  - (abb) without limiting paragraph (aba), to monitor the performance of fire services agencies against performance standards developed by the Fire Services Commissioner under section 19 of the Fire Services

    Commissioner Act 2010;

s. 21D

S. 21C(1)(ac) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 37.

- (ac) to make recommendations to the Minister about matters arising from any monitoring or investigation of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority;
- (b) to advise, make recommendations and report to the Minister on any issue in relation to emergency management;
- (c) to encourage and facilitate co-operation between all agencies to achieve the most effective utilisation of all services;
- (d) to act as the Executive Officer of the Council;
- (e) any other function conferred on the Commissioner by or under this or any other Act.
- (2) The Commissioner has all the powers necessary to perform his or her functions.

### 21D Commissioner to prepare standards

S. 21D inserted by No. 48/2000

S. 21D(1)

amended by

No. 73/2010 s. 38

- (1) The Commissioner must arrange for the preparation and review from time to time of standards which are reasonably necessary for the prevention and management of emergencies and which all emergency services agencies (other than fire services agencies) are to adopt and to use their best endeavours to comply with.
- (2) The Commissioner must consult with the emergency services agencies (other than fire services agencies) before arranging for the preparation or review of the standards.
- (3) The Commissioner must ensure that the manner in which any standard is prepared or reviewed is reasonable.

S. 21D(2)

amended by

No. 73/2010

s. 21E

S. 21E inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6, amended by No. 98/2004 s. 38 (ILA s. 39B(1)).

S. 21E(1) substituted b y No. 73/2010 s. 39.

S. 21E(1A) inserted by No. 73/2010 s. 39.

S. 21E(2) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 38.

S. 21E(3) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 38.

### 21E Commissioner to monitor standards

- (1) The Commissioner must arrange for the monitoring from time to time of—
  - (a) the adoption and compliance with the standards prepared under section 21D by emergency service agencies;
  - (b) the adoption of and compliance with, by fire services agencies, the performance standards developed by the Fire Services Commissioner under section 19 of the Fire Services Commissioner Act 2010.
- (1A) The Commissioner must, on a quarterly basis, provide the Fire Services Commissioner with a written report assessing the adoption of, and compliance with, the performance standards referred to in subsection (1)(b) by the fire service agencies.
  - (2) The Commissioner must from time to time, arrange for the monitoring and investigation of the performance (in matters that are not financial matters) of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority in relation to the provision of services by the Authority to emergency services and other related services organisations.
  - (3) The Commissioner may make an arrangement for the monitoring and investigation of the performance of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority under subsection (2) either—

- (a) of his or her own motion; or
- (b) at the request of the Minister; or
- (c) at the request of an emergency services and other related services organisation to whom the Authority has provided services.
- (4) The Commissioner may make recommendations to the Minister about any matter arising from any monitoring or investigation of the performance of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority under subsection (2).

# 21F Power to require information to be given

- (1) For the purposes of carrying out functions or powers under this Act, the Commissioner may, in writing, require any agency to give to the Commissioner any information that the Commissioner reasonably believes is necessary—
  - (a) to prepare or review a standard for the prevention or management of emergencies prepared under section 21D; or
  - (b) to monitor compliance with a standard for the prevention or management of emergencies prepared under section 21D; or
  - (c) to monitor or investigate the performance of the Emergency Services
     Telecommunications Authority under this Part; or
  - (d) to make recommendations to the Minister about any matter arising from any monitoring or investigation of the performance of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority under this Part.
- (2) Within 28 days of receiving a request under

S. 21E(4) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 38.

S. 21F inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6.

S. 21F(1)(a) amended by No. 73/2010 s. 40.

S. 21F(1)(b) amended by Nos 98/2004 s. 39(1)(a), 73/2010 s. 40.

S. 21F(1)(c) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 39(1)(b).

S. 21F(1)(d) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 39(1)(b).

S. 21F(2) amended by No. 98/2004 s. 39(2). s. 21F

S. 21F(2A) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 39(3).

S. 21F(2B) inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 39(3).

S. 21F(3) amended by No. 98/2004 s. 39(4)(a)(b).

S. 21G inserted by No. 48/2000 subsection (1)(a) or (b), the agency to whom the request has been given must give the information to the Commissioner, unless—

- (a) the Commissioner has agreed to allow an extension of time for the giving of the information; or
- (b) the Commissioner has agreed that the agency is not able to give the information.
- (2A) Within 5 days of receiving a request under subsection (1)(c) or (d), the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority must give the information to the Commissioner, in the form requested by the Commissioner, unless—
  - (a) the Commissioner has agreed to allow an extension of time for the giving of the information; or
  - (b) the Commissioner has agreed that the Authority is not able to give the information.
- (2B) If the Commissioner reasonably believes that it is urgent that information (that he or she has required under subsection (1)(c) or (d) to be given) be given within a lesser time than that specified in subsection (2A), the Commissioner may specify a lesser period for the giving of the information and the information must be given within the period so specified.
  - (3) If the Commissioner has agreed to allow an extension of time under subsection (2) or (2A), the agency or Authority (as the case requires) must give the information to the Commissioner within the time agreed on.

### 21G Constraints on access to information not to apply

- (1) No obligation to maintain secrecy or other restriction on the disclosure of information obtained by or furnished to persons employed in the public service or by an agency, where imposed by an enactment or rule of law, applies to the disclosure of information required by the Commissioner under section 21F.
- (2) The Commissioner or any other person must not divulge or communicate, except in the course of duty to another person performing duties under this Part, any information which has come to his or her knowledge by reason, directly or indirectly of subsection (1), if the person from whom that information was obtained could not, but for that section, lawfully have divulged that information to the Commissioner or other person.

## 21H Delegation by Commissioner

The Commissioner may, by instrument, delegate to any person or class of person employed or engaged in the administration of this Act, all or any of the Commissioner's powers and functions.

### 21I Annual report

The Commissioner must submit, as part of the annual report of the Department of Justice made under Part 7 of the **Financial Management Act 1994**, a report on the operation of this Part.

### 21J Definition

In this Part, emergency services and other related services organisation has the same meaning as in the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority Act 2004.

S. 21H inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6.

S. 21I inserted by No. 48/2000 s. 6.

S. 21J inserted by No. 98/2004 s. 40. S. 22 amended by No. 104/1997 s. 44 (ILA s. 39B(1)).

S. 22(2) inserted by No. 104/1997 s. 44, amended by No. 6/2010 s. 203(1)(Sch. 6 item 18).

S. 22(3) inserted by No. 104/1997 s. 44.

S. 23(1A) inserted by No. 75/1986 s. 9.

#### PART 5—STATE OF DISASTER

### 22 Definitions

(1) In this Part—

disaster area means that part or those parts of Victoria in which a state of disaster is declared under section 23(1) to exist;

subordinate instrument has the same meaning as it has in the Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984.

- (2) For the purposes of this Part, a rail corporation within the meaning of the **Rail Management Act** 1996 is deemed to be a government agency.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent a rail corporation deemed by that subsection to be a government agency from receiving compensation under section 24 for the taking and use of its property.

### 23 Power of Premier to declare state of disaster

- (1) If there is an emergency which the Premier of Victoria after considering the advice of the Co-ordinator in Chief and the State Co-ordinator is satisfied constitutes or is likely to constitute a significant and widespread danger to life or property in Victoria, the Premier may declare a state of disaster to exist in the whole or in any part or parts of Victoria.
- (1A) The Premier must not make a declaration under this section for the purpose of taking action against any person or body of persons in the circumstances to which section 4(1) of the **Essential Services Act 1958** applies.
  - (2) The Premier may at any time revoke or vary a declaration under this section

- (3) Immediately upon the making, revocation or variation of a declaration under this section, a state of disaster exists, ceases to exist or exists as so varied (as the case requires) for the purposes of this Part.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the making, revocation or variation of a declaration under this section the Premier must cause notice of the making, revocation or variation of the declaration to be broadcast from a broadcasting station in Victoria and to be published (with, in the case of the making or variation of a declaration, a copy of the declaration) in the Government Gazette.
- (5) Production of a Government Gazette purporting to contain—
  - (a) notice of the making, revocation or variation of a declaration under this section is evidence of that making, revocation or variation (as the case requires); and
  - (b) a copy of the declaration under this section is evidence of the terms of the declaration.
- (6) A declaration under this section remains in force for not more than one month, but another declaration may be made before, at or after the end of that period.
- (7) If a state of disaster has been declared under this section the Premier must report on the state of disaster and the powers exercised under section 24 to both Houses of Parliament as soon as practicable after the declaration if Parliament is then sitting and if Parliament is not then sitting as soon as practicable after the next meeting of Parliament.

#### 24 Powers and duties of Co-ordinator in Chief

- (1) In a state of disaster, the Co-ordinator in Chief is responsible for directing and co-ordinating the activities of all government agencies, and the allocation of all available resources of the Government, which the Co-ordinator in Chief considers necessary or desirable for responding to the disaster.
- (2) In addition to and without in any way limiting the generality of subsection (1), in a state of disaster the Co-ordinator in Chief may—
  - (a) direct any government agency to do or refrain from doing any act, or to exercise or perform or refrain from exercising or performing any function, power, duty or responsibility; and
  - (b) if it appears to the Co-ordinator in Chief that compliance by a government agency with an Act or subordinate instrument, which prescribes the functions powers duties and responsibilities of that agency, would inhibit response to or recovery from the disaster, declare that the operation of the whole or any part of that Act or subordinate instrument is suspended; and
  - (c) take possession and make use of any person's property as the Co-ordinator in Chief considers necessary or desirable for responding to the disaster; and
  - (d) control and restrict entry into, movement within and departure from the disaster area or any part of it; and
  - (e) compel the evacuation of any or all persons from the disaster area or any part of it.

- (3) If a direction is given to a government agency under subsection (2)(a)—
  - (a) the government agency must comply with the direction; and
  - (b) the direction prevails over anything to the contrary in any Act or law.
- (4) A declaration made under subsection (2)(b) has effect according to its tenor until a further declaration is made by the Co-ordinator in Chief reviving the operation of the Act or subordinate instrument.
- (5) If the property of a person is taken or used under subsection (2)(c) that person may receive such compensation as is determined by the Co-ordinator in Chief.
- (6) A person referred to in subsection (5) may apply to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for review of any determination made by the Co-ordinator in Chief under that subsection.
- (7) The power of the Co-ordinator in Chief under subsection (2)(e) may not be exercised so as to compel the evacuation of a person from any land or building if the person has a pecuniary interest in the land or building or in any goods or valuables on the land or in the building.

S. 24(6) amended by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 24.1). S. 25 def. of

inserted by No. 50/1994

s. 126(1)(a).

S. 25 def. of Commis-sion repealed by No. 50/1994 s. 126(1)(a).

S. 25 def. of registered emergency worker repealed by No. 97/1994 s. 13.

S. 25 def. of *Tribunal* repealed by No. 50/1994 s. 126(1)(b).

S. 25A

s. 10,

s. 33(2),

51/2005 s. 58(3).

inserted by No. 75/1986

amended by Nos 57/1987

Authority

# PART 6—COMPENSATION OF REGISTERED EMERGENCY WORKERS

## 25 Definitions

In this Part—

Authority means the Victorian WorkCover Authority under the Accident Compensation Act 1985;

# 25A Application

This Part does not apply to a person entitled to compensation under the Accident Compensation Act 1985, Part 4 of the Victoria State Emergency Service Act 2005, Part V of the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 or regulations under that Act.

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S. 26 amended by No. 75/1986 s. 11, repealed by No. 97/1994

s. 14.

# 27 When is compensation payable?

Compensation is payable under this Part if a volunteer emergency worker suffers personal injury (including death) or loss of or damage to property belonging to the worker or in the worker's possession or control while engaged in emergency activity.

28 Compensation for personal injuries

- (1) Compensation for personal injury (including death) is to be paid in accordance with and subject to the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** to, or for the benefit of, those persons to whom, or for whose benefit, compensation would be payable under that Act if—
  - (a) the volunteer emergency worker had been, at the time the personal injury was suffered, a worker employed by the Crown; and
  - (b) the personal injury had arisen out of or in the course of that employment—

within the meaning of that Act.

- (2) For the purpose of assessing the amount of any compensation payable under this section, the average weekly earnings of a volunteer emergency worker are to be computed by reference to the worker's employment during the relevant period before the personal injury was suffered or (if the worker was not then working under a contract of service) upon such basis as is best calculated to give the appropriate compensation for loss of earning capacity, but so that any relevant maximum limits imposed by the **Accident Compensation Act 1985** are not exceeded.
- (3) For the purposes of enabling the return to work of

S. 27 amended by Nos 75/1986 s. 12(1), 50/1989 s. 50(b), substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 14.

S. 28(1)(a) amended by Nos 75/1986 s. 12(1), 97/1994 s. 15(1).

S. 28(2) amended by Nos 75/1986 s. 12(1), 97/1994 s. 15(1).

S. 28(3) inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 15(2). s. 29

S. 28(3)(a) amended by No. 9/2010 s. 137(a).

S. 28(3)(b) amended by No. 9/2010 s. 137(b).

S. 28(4) inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 15(2).

S. 30 substituted by No. 50/1994 s. 126(2), amended by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 24.2). a volunteer emergency worker who suffers a personal injury while engaged in emergency activity, the Authority may—

- (a) plan the worker's return to work under the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**;
- (b) approve a provider of occupational rehabilitation services for the purposes of planning the worker's return to work under paragraph (a);
- (c) provide alternative assistance or programs to the worker or in respect of the employment of the worker.
- (4) Any costs and expenses incurred as a result of subsection (3) are to be paid by the Authority under section 32(2) as if the costs and expenses were a payment of compensation and section 32(3) shall apply accordingly.

## 29 Compensation for loss of or damage to property

Compensation for loss of or damage to property is to be such as the Minister considers reasonable in the circumstances and is to be paid to the owner of the property or to any person interested in it.

## 30 Jurisdiction

Where any question or matter arises under this Part (other than section 29), including any question as to the amount of any compensation payable or the existence and extent of dependency, the County Court, the Magistrates' Court and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal shall have under this Act the same jurisdiction to hear and determine the question or matter as though it were a question or matter that arose under the Workers Compensation Act 1958 or the Accident Compensation Act 1985

(as the case requires), and where the County Court, the Magistrates' Court or the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal exercises that jurisdiction such of the provisions of those Acts as are applicable shall with the necessary adaptations and modifications apply.

## 31 Authority to represent Crown

In all proceedings before the County Court, the Magistrates' Court or the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and generally in regard to claims for compensation and the payment of compensation under section 28, the Authority shall represent the Crown and shall have the same powers, rights and authorities as an employer has under the Workers Compensation Act 1958 or as an authorised insurer has under the Accident Compensation Act 1985 (as the case requires) in regard to the corresponding matter relating to a worker under that Act.

32 Payments

- (1) The Authority is entitled to the reimbursement of its reasonable costs and expenses incurred in representing the Crown under section 31.
- (2) The Authority must make any payment of compensation under section 28 out of the WorkCover Authority Fund under the **Accident Compensation Act 1985**.
- (3) There is to be paid into the WorkCover Authority Fund out of the Consolidated Fund which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly—
  - (a) the amounts to be reimbursed under subsection (1); and
  - (b) the amount of any payments under subsection (2).

S. 31 substituted by No. 50/1994 s. 126(2), amended by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 24.2).

S. 32 substituted by No. 50/1994 s. 126(2). s. 34

S. 33 repealed by No. 50/1994 s. 126(2).

S. 34(2) amended by Nos 75/1986 s. 12(1), 97/1994 s. 16.

S. 35 amended by No. 50/1994 s. 126(3).

# 34 Entitlement where damages otherwise payable

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- (1) A person is not entitled to recover, in respect of personal injury or loss of or damage to property, both compensation under this Part and damages and if a person so recovers both compensation and damages the amount of the compensation may be recovered from the person by the Minister in a Court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due by that person to the Crown.
- (2) If compensation has been paid under this Part and the personal injury, loss or damage in respect of which it was paid was caused under circumstances creating a liability in some person other than the volunteer emergency worker to pay damages in respect thereof, the Minister may take proceedings against that person in a Court of competent jurisdiction to recover—
  - (a) the amount of compensation; or
  - (b) the amount of the damages—whichever is less.

## 35 Funding of compensation scheme

Any compensation payable under section 24 or section 29 and any expenses incurred in the administration of section 24 or section 29 are to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund, which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly.

#### PART 7—MISCELLANEOUS

# 36 Offence of obstructing, etc. emergency worker

(1) A person, other than a person engaging in an emergency activity, must not obstruct, hinder or in any way interfere with a person engaging in an emergency activity.

P 10 penalty units.

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## 36A Declaration of emergency area

- (1) If the most senior officer of the police in attendance at an emergency, being an officer of or above the rank of inspector, is of the opinion that because of the size, nature or location of an emergency it is necessary to exclude persons from the area of the emergency so as to ensure—
  - (a) public safety; or
  - (b) security of evacuated premises; or
  - (c) the safety of, or prevention of obstruction, hindrance or interference to, persons engaging in emergency activity—

that officer of police may on the advice of the agency primarily responsible for responding to the emergency declare the area to be an emergency area.

- (2) The declaration of an emergency area must be in writing and may be varied or revoked in writing.
- (3) A copy of the declaration or a sign in a form authorised by the State Co-ordinator and containing the words "Declared Emergency Area" must be posted at points of access to the

S. 36 substituted by No. 75/1986 s. 13.

S. 36(2) repealed by No. 97/1994 s. 17.

S. 36A inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 18. s. 36B

- emergency area that are closed under the declaration while the declaration is in force.
- (4) The declaration of an emergency area must be revoked immediately upon the circumstances in subsection (1) ceasing to apply.
- (5) If the declaration of an emergency area has not been revoked within the period of 24 hours after it is declared, the declaration is revoked at the end of the period unless subsection (6) applies.
- (6) The State Co-ordinator may if he or she is satisfied that the circumstances in subsection (1) still apply, extend the declaration of an emergency area for a further period not exceeding 24 hours.
- (7) The State Co-ordinator must publish a notice of the declaration and revocation of an emergency area in the Government Gazette.

# 36B Powers in respect of emergency area

- (1) An officer of the police on duty in or near the emergency area may exercise the following powers—
  - (a) close or cause to be closed any road, footpath or open space otherwise providing access to the emergency area;
  - (b) prohibit any person or vehicle from entering or passing through the emergency area;
  - (c) direct any person on any road or footpath or in any open space or in any vehicle on any road, footpath or open space, within the emergency area to immediately leave the emergency area by the safest and shortest route;
  - (d) authorise a person to enter or remain in the emergency area subject to such conditions as the officer considers appropriate.

S. 36B inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 18.

- (2) Subsection (1) also empowers a prohibition or direction to be given to a person who claims a pecuniary interest in property in the emergency area or goods or valuables in that property and is not in that property.
- (3) Subsection (1)(d) also empowers an authorisation subject to conditions to be given to a person who claims a pecuniary interest in property in the emergency area or goods or valuables in that property and is on that property.
- (4) A direction, prohibition or authorisation under subsection (1) may be broadcast, televised or communicated from a broadcasting station, television station or other communication centre in an announcement authorised by the State Co-ordinator.
- (5) If an officer of the police on duty in or near the emergency area has reason to suspect that an offence against this Act is being or is about to be committed, the officer may order a person to leave the emergency area and may use such force as is reasonable necessary to remove the person from the emergency area or to prevent the person from entering the emergency area.

## **36C** Offences

- (1) A person who fails without reasonable excuse to obey a prohibition or direction or to act in accordance with the conditions of an authorisation, is guilty of an offence.
  - P 5 penalty units.
- (2) A person who under section 36B(5) is ordered to leave or removed from the emergency area or prevented from entering the emergency area must not enter or attempt to enter the emergency area.
  - P 100 penalty units.

S. 36C inserted by No. 97/1994 s. 18. s. 37

S. 37 amended by No. 75/1986 s. 12(2)(a)(b), substituted by No. 97/1994 s. 19.

S. 38 amended by No. 52/1998 s. 311(Sch. 1 item 24.3).

S. 39 amended by No. 75/1986 s. 14.

## 37 Immunity

A volunteer emergency worker is not personally liable in respect of any loss or injury sustained by any other person as a result of the engagement of the volunteer emergency worker in emergency activity unless the loss or injury is caused by the negligence or wilful default of that worker.

# 38 Offence of making false compensation claim

A person must not, in or in connexion with any claim for compensation under Part 5 or 6, wilfully make any false or misleading statement to or otherwise wilfully mislead or attempt to mislead the Co-ordinator in Chief or any other person.

P 10 penalty units.

# 39 Regulations

The Governor in Council may make regulations, subject to the regulations being disallowed by Parliament, for or with respect to—

- (a) the registration of persons under section 26; and
- (b) the training of members and officers of nongovernment agencies for which a role is defined, or on which a responsibility is conferred, by DISPLAN; and
- (c) prescribing conditions of issue and use of property issued to municipal councils for the purpose of emergency management; and
- (d) prescribing fees for training courses conducted by the Co-ordinator in Chief; and
- (e) generally prescribing any other matter or thing required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed or necessary to be prescribed to give effect to this Act.

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**Endnotes** 

### **ENDNOTES**

## **1General Information**

Minister's second reading speech:

Legislative Assembly: 27 March 1986

Legislative Council: 8 May 1986

The long title for the Bill for this Act "A Bill to provide for the management and organization of the prevention of, response to and recovery from emergencies, to repeal the **State Disasters Act 1983** and for other purposes.".

The **Emergency Management Act 1986** was assented to on 20 May 1986 and came into operation as follows:

Sections 1–7, 10–17, 22–24, 36, 39 on 27 June 1986: Government Gazette 18 June 1986 page 2066; rest of Act on 3 December 1986: Government Gazette 3 December 1986 page 4540.

#### 2Table of Amendments

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Emergency Management (Amendment) Act 1986, No. 75/1986

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Victoria State Emergency Service Act 1987, No. 57/1987

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Local Government (Consequential Provisions) Act 1989, No. 12/1989

(as amended by No. 13/1990)

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Fire Authorities Act 1989, No. 50/1989

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Accident Compensation (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 50/1994

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Emergency Management (Amendment) Act 1994, No. 97/1994

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Rail Corporations (Amendment) Act 1997, No. 104/1997

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Public Sector Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 46/1998

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Tribunals and Licensing Authorities (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1998, No. 52/1998

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Local Government (Governance and Melton) Act 1998, No. 86/1998

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Statute Law Revision (Repeals) Act 1999, No. 3/1999

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Essential Services (Year 2000) Act 1999, No. 50/1999

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Current State: All of Act in operation

Emergency Management (Amendment) Act 2000, No. 48/2000

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Current State: All of Act in operation

Statute Law Revision Act 2000, No. 74/2000

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Victorian Urban Development Authority Act 2003, No. 59/2003

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Assent Date: 2.3.10

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