

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Legal Profession Uniform Law Application (Practising Certificate Fees) Regulations 2018

I, Martin Pakula, Attorney-General and Minister responsible for administering the **Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014** give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** as follows:

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Legal Profession Uniform Law Application (Practising Certificate Fees) Regulations 2018 (the proposed Regulations). The objective of the proposed Regulations is to prescribe practising certificate fees for legal practitioners in Victoria. A practising certificate is required under the **Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014** for an Australian lawyer to engage in legal practice in Victoria. The **Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014** requires that an application for a practising certificate be accompanied by the prescribed fee for the certificate. Pursuant to section 156(1)(b) and (2) of the **Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014**, Regulations prescribing fees for practising certificates are made on the recommendation of the Victorian Legal Services Board (the Board).

The proposed Regulations will commence on 1 March 2018. They include transitional arrangements that enable current fees for practising certificates granted for the 2017–18 year to continue to be charged from 1 March 2018 until 30 June 2018. The proposed Regulations set new fees for practising certificates issued for the 2018–19 financial year and the following nine financial years, as follows:

- 43.04 fee units for principals with trust account authorisation;
- 30.03 fee units for principals without trust account authorisation;
- 28.06 fee units for employees;
- 24.33 fee units for barristers;
- 16.88 fee units for corporate practitioners; and
- 15.47 fee units for government practitioners and community sector practitioners.

The RIS was advertised seeking public comment in the Government Gazette, and The Age and Herald Sun newspapers on 24 October 2017. The closing date for submissions was 30 November 2017. Eleven submissions were received.

Responses to submissions

Most of the submissions received by the Board, and the Board's responses to those submissions, are available on the Board's website at www.lsb.vic.gov.au

THE HON. MARTIN PAKULA MP
Attorney-General