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Dear Mr Dickie

### **ASSESSMENT OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Thank you for seeking an assessment of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed: *Environmental Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2008*. The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) received the final version of the above RIS and draft regulations on 6 June 2008.

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. We note that you have undertaken thorough and effective consultation, data collection and analytical processes in the preparation of this RIS. In our view this resulted in a robust analysis of the problem and options and identified beneficial changes to the regulations in terms of identifying cost savings to industry, while at the same time achieving the primary objective of the regulations by protecting households from unreasonable noise. Further evidence on the nature and size of the costs and benefits may emerge during the consultation stage and consequently change the conclusions reached.

The VCEC assesses the adequacy of the RIS prior to the public consultation process as required under section 11 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*. I advise that the RIS is adequate for the purposes of section 10(3) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994*.

In the interests of transparency, the VCEC recommend that you publish this assessment letter alongside the RIS when it is released for consultation.

The VCEC is building a database of Victorian Government RISs and statements of reasons for change, and will be putting your material on our website when it is released. Please inform us when you have placed this RIS on your website. Please also provide us with an electronic copy of your statement of reasons for changes to the final regulations when they are provided to the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee (refer 5.53 Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 Guidelines, 17 January 2005).

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Pingjaro on 9092 5829.

Yours sincerely

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