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WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY (STORAGE OF WASTE TYRES)

Certification of Special Reasons as a Result of Which a Waste Management Policy Should Be Declared without Delay

I, Ryan Smith, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, certify under section 18B of the **Environment Protection Act 1970** that the Waste Management Policy (Storage of Waste Tyres) (the Policy) should be declared without delay.

The Policy is necessary to ensure that waste tyres are stored in a manner that minimises risks to the environment and human health, predominantly due to the risk of fire.

The key risk associated with improper storage of waste tyres is fire resulting from arson, accidents or bushfires. Tyre fires can burn for weeks, generating hazardous smoke, oil and leachate that affect the soil, waterways and air. The risk of fire has been demonstrated with a number of tyre fires that have occurred in Australia and around the world. During the recent Grampians bush fires, emergency services were required to actively defend a large tyre stockpile in Stawell from fire.

In contrast with New South Wales and South Australia, Victoria does not have effective regulatory requirements for the management of waste tyres. Consequently, tyre stockpiles are growing rapidly and will be expected to increase as NSW strengthens its regulations of waste tyres.

The immediate introduction of the proposed Waste Management Policy (Storage of Waste Tyres) will allow my department to adequately address high risk stockpile sites over the winter period in preparation for the 2014/15 fire season.

As such, special reasons exist which require the Policy to be declared without delay.

Dated 22 April 2014

THE HON RYAN SMITH MP
Minister for Environment and Climate Change

Environment Protection Act 1970

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Order in Council

The Governor in Council under section 16A of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**, and on the recommendation of the Environment Protection Authority, declares the Waste Management Policy (Storage of Waste Tyres) as follows:

1. Objective

The objectives of this Policy are to ensure that waste tyres are –

- (a) stored in a manner that minimises risks to the environment and human health, predominantly due to the risk of fire; and
- (b) stored for purposes such as transfer, reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery.

2. Commencement

This Policy will come into operation on the day it is published in the Government Gazette.

3. Definitions

In this Policy–

waste tyres, also called end-of-life, used or scrap tyres, means rubber tyres, whether whole or in pieces, which are considered waste under the **Environment Protection Act 1970**;

EPU (equivalent passenger units), in relation to waste tyres, means the standardised value assigned to a type of tyres in the Schedule to this Policy.

SPECIAL

4. Policy clauses

- (1) This Policy applies to premises that store more than 5000 EPU or 40 tonnes of waste tyres at any time.
- (2) Waste tyres must only be stored for purposes such as transfer, reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery.
- (3) Waste tyres must be stored in a manner that minimises risks to the environment and human health, predominantly due to the risk of fire.
- (4) Waste tyres will be taken to be stored in compliance with clause 4(3) if –
 - (a) any outdoor storage of waste tyres at the premises is in accordance with the recommendations in the *Victorian Fire Services Guideline – Open Air Storage of New or Used Tyres* (2014), as amended; and
 - (b) any indoor storage of waste tyres at the premises is in accordance with the recommendations in the *Victorian Fire Services Guideline – Indoor Storage of New or Used Tyres* (2014), as amended.

5. Expiry

This Policy expires 12 months from the day it is declared.

SCHEDULE

Type of tyre	EPU Value
Motorcycle	0.5
Passenger car	1
Light Truck	2
Truck	5
Super Single	10
Solid small (up to 0.3m high)	3
Solid medium (>0.3m up to 0.45m)	5
Solid large (>0.45 m up to 0.6m)	7
Solid extra large (>0.6m)	9
Tractor small (up to 1m high)	15
Tractor large (>1m up to 2m)	25
Fork lift small (up to 0.3m high)	2
Fork lift medium (>0.3m up to 0.45m)	4
Fork lift large (>0.45m up to 0.6m)	6
Grader	15
Earth mover small (up to 1m high)	20
Earth mover medium (>1m up to 1.5m)	50
Earth mover large (>1.5 up to 2m)	100
Earthmover extra large (>2m up to 3.0m)	200
Earthmover giant (>3 up to 4m)	400
Bobcat	2

Dated 29 April 2014

Responsible Minister:

RYAN SMITH

Minister for Environment and Climate Change

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Clerk of the Executive Council

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