

Legislation

Legislative changes

Country Fire Authority (Volunteer Protection and Community Safety) Act 2003, No.17 of 2003.

The operation of the Country Fire Authority Regulations 1992 was extended to 31 January 2004 by Subordinate Legislation (Country Fire Authority Regulations 1992 – Extension of Operation) Regulations 2002. SR110/2002.

Building Act 1993

In November 1994 the Minister for Finance issued guidelines pursuant to Section 220 of the *Building Act 1993* to promote conformity in building standards for buildings owned by public authorities. CFA maintains a high extent of compliance with building standards and regulations. During the year, all new building works were undertaken in accordance with the relevant standards.

Financial Management Act 1994

Information applicable to the report of the financial year is retained by CFA in accordance with Part 9.1.3(iv) of the Directions of the Minister for Finance under the Financial Management Act 1994. The relevant information is available to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Parliament of Victoria, and the public on application to the accountable officer: Chief Executive Officer.

Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001

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CFA has established Whistleblowers Protection Act procedures in accordance with Part 6 of the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001*. A copy of these procedures is included with this report. From 1 July 2002, CFA received no disclosures which satisfied the test of a protected disclosure and were referred by CFA to the Ombudsman for determination as to whether it was a public interest disclosure. No other disclosed matters were referred to the Ombudsman for investigation or otherwise. No investigations of disclosed matters were taken over by the Ombudsman from CFA under section 75, nor did CFA decline to investigate any disclosed matters. During the year, no disclosed matters were substantiated on investigation and action taken on completion of the investigation.

National Competition Policy

CFA has, in recent years, implemented changes to comply with this policy.