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Co-operatives National Law

The Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs has invited comments on a proposed Co-operatives National Law – to be introduced in Victoria in 2011.

A copy of the circular from NSW Fair Trading, which is co-coordinating public comment on behalf of all States and Territories, is enclosed.

The board of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd will be meeting on the 20 January 2009 to discuss the proposed Co-operatives National Law.

We have discussed with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) the need for the Victorian Government to inform all registered co-operatives and invite expressions of interest in workshops on the proposed legislation.

The deadline for submissions is the 26 February 2010. We have also asked CAV to support an extension of the deadline if there is to be a meaningful consultation process. A request for an extension is also being made to the Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs by Co-operatives Australia – the peak body for State Co-operative Federations.

David Griffiths
Secretary
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