

**ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS**

<b>Date Received</b>	13/02/2017
<b>Organisation</b>	Bairnsdale and District Field Naturalists Club Inc
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?</b>	<p>Overall our Club is very pleased with the proposed changes to and updating of content in the FFGA and congratulates the Review Team on such considered and pertinent outcome.</p> <p>Our interest is on Section 4 and our comments are as follows:</p> <p>4.1 &amp; 4.2: Implement potential improvements listed with emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* weed and pest control which has, in the past, been ad hoc and needs to have a continuing process.</li><li>* Regulations of the FFGA which MUST apply to all government departments as in the past some Department's and individuals within have considered themselves exempt.</li><li>*Seminars held periodically to educate relevant departments/companies/instrumentalities and individuals of their obligations under the FFGA.</li><li>*More resources directed by DELWP into biodiversity to survey and identify areas and species of significance.</li><li>*All potential improvements under Box 2.</li></ul> <p>4.3.1 Implement all potential improvements in Box 3 and 4 here.</p> <p>4.3.2 Implement all potential improvements especially more work on listing and identifying threatened species and communities, not just those listed under the current FFGA.</p> <p>Fully adopt proposals under Box 5.</p> <p>4.4.1 Implement potential improvements listed in Table 14 with emphasis on heavy fines for illegal removal of threatened species.</p> <p>4.4.2 Implement potential improvements under Table 15.</p> <p>4.4.3 Implement potential improvements with emphasis on educating and encouraging voluntary compliance before resorting to court proceedings.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very fine Consultation paper.</p>