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Privacy Options	I am making this submission on behalf of an organisation , and understand that it may be published and will include the name of the organisation unless otherwise requested	
Privacy Statement Correct?	Yes	
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Submission Type	Environmental/Community group	
Previous engagement in review?	Info session 2015	Yes
	Workshop 2015/16	
	Targetted consultation	
	SRG	
	Written submission to CP?	Yes
	Other? Describe	
Will changes improve function of regs?		
Reasons	The biggest fault with the regulations as they were is their inability to meet the target of No Net Loss of Native Vegetation. Practically all clearing (>90%) done is via exemptions or illegally. Elegant (though commendable) modifications to assessment guidelines which are applied to the remaining few percent will have no impact on this massive net loss.	
Implementation issue with proposed changes?	Yes	
Reasons	Very broad exemptions combined with lax policing and prosecution of illegal clearing will keep permitted clearing in its box: completely irrelevant to all of Victoria except urban development zones.	
Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed?	Yes	
Details	Permitted clearing (+ assessment guidelines) needs to be pushed from obscurity to largely displace illegal clearing & clearing via exemptions. This would require significant state government commitment to support local government and encourage off-set providers.	
Terms to include in guidelines glossary?	Unsure	
Details		
Subscribe to e-newsletter?		
Other comments	Now these documents need to be implemented, not ignored or bypassed, as they have been for many years. The aim of No Net Loss needs to be taken seriously. All losses and gains must be accounted for. Gains can only be made by	

	promoting permitted clearing as the main game while suppressing those clearing activities which are not offset. It would be a big task.
Written submission provided?	