



Our Reference: 2017 Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Proposed Regulatory System Changes

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Review of the native vegetation clearing regulations
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SUBMISSION ON THE 'REVIEW OF THE NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING REGULATIONS' PROPOSED REGULATORY SYSTEM CHANGES

Moynes Shire Council welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback for the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Proposed Regulatory System Changes.

While generally supportive of the intent of the Review, Council would like to raise the following matters:

Invasive Native Species Exemption

Council is strongly supportive of an additional exemption that covers the removal of plants that are native to Victoria (such as Coast Wattle, Coast Tea Tree, Sweet Pittosporum) but occur outside their Ecological Vegetation Class to the effect that they are now considered locally as weeds.

Furthermore, Council requests that the 'regrowth' exemption category specifically lists Coast Wattle (*Acacia sophorae*) in the same manner that Bracken is currently listed.

Compliance and Enforcement

Council has extremely limited resources for compliance and enforcement. Rather than only providing support materials, Council strongly supports DELWP taking a leading role in relation to compliance and enforcement, particularly where vegetation has state wide significance or high ecological values.



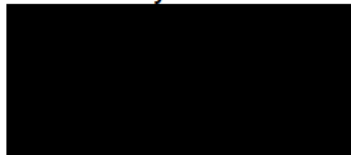
Co-regulatory support

Council strongly believes that to promote co-regulatory support, DELWP should be listed as a determining referral authority for Detailed Assessment Pathway applications. DELWP has greater resources and specialist knowledge to provide meaningful comment in such applications.

Council welcomes the clarification around the wording of exemptions, with particular reference to the fencing exemption, and believes this is a strength of the proposed amendments.

Should you require any clarification or further information please feel free to contact Council on 5568 0555 or at moyne@moyne.vic.gov.au

Sincerely




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