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| Privacy Options | I am making this submission as an individual. I request my submission be published anonymously including only my postcode | |
| Privacy Statement Correct? | Yes | |
| Privacy Collection Notice Read? | Yes | |
| Submission Type | Consultancy | |
| Previous engagement in review? | Info session 2015 | Yes |
| | Workshop 2015/16 | |
| | Targetted consultation | Yes |
| | SRG | |
| | Written submission to CP? | Yes |
| Other? Describe | | |
| Will changes improve function of regs? | | |
| Reasons | The regulations are supposed to work to protect native vegetation. The exemption for road safety, Table of Exemptions 52.16-8, has not improved anything. A non defined phrase "to the minimum extent necessary" added to the previous exemption will not stop any road manager justifying any vegetation removal. This exemption should be removed and replaced with only an exemption for emergency works. Normal activities should still be required to undergo the scrutiny of applying for a planning permit. | |
| Implementation issue with proposed changes? | Yes | |
| Reasons | There are other issues but I will concentrate on roadsides for this submission. | |
| Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed? | | |
| Details | | |
| Terms to include in guidelines glossary? | | |
| Details | | |
| Subscribe to e-newsletter? | Yes. Please send information updates to my email address | |
| Other comments | Roadsides have been hailed as a unique asset providing biodiversity, understorey integrity and connectivity across the landscape - these are dismissed as totally unimportant by the exemption clause 52.16-8 allowing clearing without a permit. If works are justified and are to performed at the highest environmental standard, they should be able to stand the scrutiny of the planning permit process to verify the need for vegetation removal. Since the introduction of the exemption in 2013, there has been a notable increase in vegetation clearance for roadworks, as operators have the right to remove vegetation without any need to justify their actions, and putting in a non defined clause "to the minimum extent necessary" but still without the need for a permit, will not stop the vegetation loss. Any road manager can construe that vegetation clearance is necessary if it doesn't have to be justified or have them held accountable by external scrutiny. The review should remove this overarching exemption and replace it with only an exemption for emergency works. | |
| Written submission provided? | No | |