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Privacy Statement Correct?	Yes	
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Submission Type	Individual	
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	<p>Expect ongoing controversy in community regarding impact and severity of uncontrollable bushfires, perceived as made worse from poorly management vegetation. It seems the amended regulations leave residents of existing properties in high risk locations few options. The "Safer Together" initiative is now seen largely as DELWP propaganda, unmatched by effective bushfire management on the ground.</p> <p>Crown land is commonly the fuel source of the most damaging bushfires. I am advised from within DELWP that veg. offsets are required to modify native vegetation in zones close to private property.</p>	
Implementation issue with proposed changes?	Yes	
Reasons	<p>(1) CFA is excluded from recommending high risk vegetation management on private land and outside the defendable space ie., in the surrounding landscape. This leaves the impacted property owner depending on a biodiversity officer in DELWP to assist or recommend fuel management. Experience shows this will not happen.</p> <p>(2) Offset Program is based on implausible logic, and impossible expensive for a residential property owner. If Offsets were applied widely across Victoria, there would be a loss of 50% in land area with acceptable quality (bio score) vegetation. I believe this program would not survive independent scrutiny. Inevitably it must come into question, because there will be clear examples in the future where refusal of Permits to achieve bushfire safety will result in loss of life or property assets.</p>	
Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed?		

Details	<p>Section 52.17 in its amended form allows like minded DELWP and Council Planning Officers to agree to enforce high bushfire risk situations close to dwellings or access driveways. This is based on personal experience. The well known fire behaviour science of weather patterns locally, fuel loads, fire rate of spread, predictable ignition sources are not referred to in the Planning Schemes, and will be an ongoing source of dissatisfaction with DELWP, as the inevitable large scale bushfires impact communities.</p> <p>Bushfires impact residents well beyond the defensible space...DELWP has committed to attend to this in Safer Together, but is doing little about it.</p>
Terms to include in guidelines glossary?	Yes
Details	
Subscribe to e-newsletter?	Yes. Please send information updates to my email address
Other comments	
Written submission provided?	No