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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
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Submission Type	Individual
Previous engagement in review?	Info session 2015
	Workshop 2015/16
	Targetted consultation
	SRG
	Written submission to CP?
Other? Describe	Own 100 acres of covenanted land and have experience of native veg learning frameworks
Will changes improve function of regs?	
Reasons	Yes, I feel there is increased clarity around wording which reduces the risk of ambiguity
Implementation issue with proposed changes?	Yes
Reasons	[REDACTED] local Councils/Councillors in areas of the Green Wedge working against long held environmental community values
Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed?	
Details	
Terms to include in guidelines glossary?	
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Subscribe to e-newsletter?	Yes. Please send information updates to my email address
Other comments	12.01-1 - Protection of biodiversity. Nillumbik Shire has been identified as an area of high biodiversity. Nillumbik Shire Council's C81 amendment, now disappointingly rejected by the Minister for Planning, evolved from an extensive process of community consultation, countless hours of volunteer work and policy review by officers. The amendment was designed to protect and enhance Nillumbik's biodiversity by reviewing the overlays. The amendment captured the values of the community, the majority of whom are committed to protecting the Green Wedge and its landscapes. Unfortunately [REDACTED] led to the referral of this amendment to the Minister. Many community groups and individuals are fearful that the amendment will not be passed and

	<p>that development will occur which will lead to huge losses in the biodiversity of our Shire and to the Green Wedge, with further impact to our Australian environment as a whole. The community relies on the State Government, regardless of political party, to protect our environment. Local government needs to adhere to the policy set down at State Government level and governments at all level need to be mindful of the environmental legacy we are providing for the future. As noted in the draft, development should be ecologically sustainable and take into account the bigger picture of international and national agreements to protect the environment.</p> <p>2.1.2 - A new strategy considers land use and development impacts for all application types including amendments and subdivisions. Following the decision by the Minister for Planning to reject C81, I would urge DEWLP and appropriate State Government Ministers to assist Nillumbik Shire's [REDACTED] Councilors to listen to well qualified Council Officers and assist them to develop a credible alternative. Continued use of avoid, minimise and offset is to be welcomed and it is worth noting that many areas in Nillumbik have been used for offset purposes for development in more suitable locations.</p> <p>2.2 - Regarding bushfire clauses, there is a need to protect the environment from unscrupulous manipulation of such clauses being used as necessary to clear for bushfire management for new development. To clarify, the clearing of native vegetation for bushfire management should not be used as an excuse to clear for development purposes. Nillumbik, its environment and its rural community continue to recover from the 2009 bushfires and there needs to be close consideration of the effect of increased development in rural bushfire-prone areas with poor access to roads and telecommunications.</p>
Written submission provided?	