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Submission Type	Forestry	
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	Unsure	
Implementation issue with proposed changes?	No	
Reasons		
Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed?	No	
Details		
Terms to include in guidelines glossary?	Unsure	
Details		
Subscribe to e-newsletter?	Yes. Please send information updates to my email address	
Other comments	No further changes to the exemptions part of 52.17 should occur without those proposed changes going through a proper consultation process.	
Written submission provided?	Yes – Separate document	

HVP Plantations' submission to the Amendments to the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations.

HVP believe the proposed changes to the Regulations seem fair and practical. There is one area that we would like to reiterate our support of the current position.

The impact and importance of the exemptions to the need for a permit is critical. The amendments proposed seem fair and have tightened a few wording issues and added an additional exemption for approved conservation work.

If there are any additional changes proposed for the exemptions it is important to go through a separate consultation process. HVP consider it essential that full consultation with landowners, foresters, farmers, practitioners and other stakeholders is undertaken during any modification of the amended exemptions.

Exemptions allowing for harvesting of plantation trees within a plantation area without the need for a permit seems obvious and we were very pleased to see this remain in the amended regulations. Other critical exemptions that need to be retained for our industry are as follows:-

- Fire protection works,
- Fence maintenance and renewal,
- Maintenance of existing works
- Establishment of new farm works – subject to limits
- 6m width for a driveway through a road reserve where no other access is available
- Emergency works for safety
- Dead vegetation <40cm diameter, and
- Vegetation less than 10 years old

Any significant restriction on these exemptions has the potential to impose a significant administrative burden on the forest industry and local councils in managing a large number of offset calculations and planning permit processes, but will provide little net gain in the protection of native vegetation.

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