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Privacy Options	I am making this submission on behalf of an organisation, and understand that it may be published and will include the name of the organisation unless otherwise requested	
Privacy Statement Correct?	Yes	
Privacy Collection Notice Read?	Yes	
Submission Type	Environmental/Community Group	
Previous engagement in review?	Info session 2015	
	Workshop 2015/16	
	Targetted consultation	
	SRG	
	Written submission to CP?	Yes
	Other? Describe	
Will changes improve function of regs?	Yes	
Reasons	Yes. The changes to the VPP regulations implement many of the proposed improvements set out in the Consultation Paper. In particular the revised Assessment Guidelines and the Assessment Handbook should provide clarity for both applicants and assessors regarding the extent of the data required and the factors to be considered in each of three categories of application. The requirement for applications in "detailed" category to include an assessment by an accredited native vegetation assessor should improve the quality of the data submitted in circumstances which have the potential for the greatest impact on the environment. Tables 3,4,5 and 6 provide a useful summary for applicants and assessors.	
Implementation issue with proposed changes?	Yes	
Reasons	Table 7 provides a summary of the offset provisions but I suggest this is poorly understood by most applicants. I recommend that DELWP conduct a series of workshops for local government staff and the general public to describe examples of offsets which meet the requirements in each of the application categories	
Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed?	No	
Details		
Terms to include in guidelines glossary?	No	
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Other comments	The draft provisions implement the majority of the "proposed improvements" set out in Chapters 1 to 5 of the Consultation Paper, but are silent in regard to chapter 6 " Compliance and Enforcement". The Consultation paper identified this area as the one in which the the native vegetation clearing regulations lacked uniformity across the areas of local government. Indeed one of key issues included under 6.2 of the Consultation Paper is illegal clearing which includes the following statement "It is estimated significantly greater areas of native vegetation	

	<p>are removed as a result of illegal clearing than from permitted clearing".</p> <p>As indicated in the proposed improvements set out under 6.3 the role of DELWP is largely related to assisting the relevant Councils to undertake compliance and enforcement activities through providing guidance, information and support for developing a compliance and enforcement strategy rather than through amendment of the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations. However advice regarding the implementation of proposed improvements set out in the Consultation paper would be appreciated.</p>
<b>Written submission provided?</b>	No