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Submission Type	Individual
Previous engagement in review?	Info session 2015
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	Written submission to CP?
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Will changes improve function of regs?	
Reasons	
Implementation issue with proposed changes?	
Reasons	
Guidelines – guidance or clarification needed?	Yes No Unsure
Details	Impossible to change first selection of any of these 3 choices
Terms to include in guidelines glossary?	
Details	
Subscribe to e-newsletter?	Yes. Please send information updates to my email address
Other comments	<p>The style, structure and content of the ‘Summary of proposed amendments to the Victoria Planning Provisions’ report makes it very difficult to understand the nature of the proposed changes.</p> <p>This report has not been designed in a way that makes it easy for a lay person to understand how the changes will affect them directly.</p> <p>If the authors had a genuine intent of engaging with the property owners affected by the proposed changes they would have included content with subject headings, such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “If your property has a Bushfire Management Overlay the changes that effect your property are...”</li> <li>• “If your property does not have a Bushfire Management Overlay and is larger than 0.5ha but less than 1.0ha the changes that effect your property are ...”</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “If your property does not have a Bushfire Management Overlay and is 1.0ha or larger the changes that effect your property are ...”</li> </ul> <p>Understanding Bushfire Risk</p> <p>Bushfire risk in Victoria is high, and continues to increase due to climate change. For residents that live in high bushfire risk areas, such as North Warrandyte, bushfire risk management is a high priority.</p> <p>Significantly the report fails to make an adequate relationship between the changes proposed and their influence on with bushfire risk.</p> <p>Changes to regulations, such as the ones proposed, seem to make no consideration for the priorities or safety of residents that live in high bushfire risk areas. As a result the regulatory frameworks and structure are in no way aligned with the needs of residents.</p> <p>Lack of Balance</p> <p>While residents understand the value of flora and fauna, they also understand that higher fuel loads pose an increased risk of bushfires. Therefore a more balanced approach needs to be taken that takes into account the effect of the proposed changes on increasing fuel loads. Fuel loads on private and government land is one of the many factors that determine bushfire risk. While we cannot control the weather, we can have some level of control over fuel loads. While these interest maybe in conflict, that higher priority is the protection of human life and property over the protection of native vegetation.</p> <p>Bushfire Management Overlay</p> <p>In short, the new proposed requirements should not apply to properties or areas that have a Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO). Excluding BMO properties and areas, will enable residents to continue efforts to reduce bushfire risk. In short the consequence of the proposed “system” changes will reduce the ability for residents to actively reduce bushfire risk.</p> <p>Long Lasting Impact</p> <p>The experiences of Black Saturday clearly show that it not only the devastation of death and injury that affects people. Injury, death and the loss of property has had a deep and long lasting emotional effect on thousands of people and entire communities.</p> <p>Regulation changes that contribute to this suffering should never be considered.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>The report makes a case for protecting vegetation but fails to consider the protection of households, their houses, property, pets and animals.</p>
<b>Written submission provided?</b>	No