

Consultation paper local council rates capping - submission

As a volunteer in local bushland reserves I would like to make the following points.

Firstly, the cost of removing noxious and environmental weeds, from our reserves and parks and other public land, is borne by our councils. Given that the worst weed vectors are Vic Roads and Met Track it seems unreasonable that these two organisations are not appearing to make efforts to control the spread of weeds from their land. The result is continuous re-work by councils to stem the flow of weeds and, in most cases, the problem is getting worse each year. Yarra Ranges council is one area that is particularly affected.

Secondly, the discovery and removal of asbestos in council run buildings and from areas where it has been dumped and sometimes partially buried is an ongoing cost which should be covered by a state slush-fund (given the random nature and cost of such discoveries).

Regards
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