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The review seems to make it more difficult to control environmental weeds in protected riparian zones (which I assume is the old proscribed rivers and streams). It seems only to allow clearing of noxious weeds (many environmental weeds are not noxious) or weeds declared in an order under Part 6. Existing rules allow for clearing using certain methods (spraying and cut and paint) in sections of up to 500m without consent. Woody weeds like privet and giant tobacco bush are not noxious in rural areas, and currently have extensive control efforts underway. This work in protected riparian areas does not appear to be sanctioned under the regulation.

Why not exclude exotic species from the native veg regulation entirely?

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