

## Response ID ANON-4EM2-EK4N-A

Submitted to **Native vegetation issues paper**

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No, these are my personal views

If yes, please specify the name of your organisation.:

#### 6 Which of the following best describes the group or person you represent?

Private citizen

If other, please specify.:

#### 7 Which of the following best describes the sector you represent?

Not applicable (private citizen)

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N/A

### A State native vegetation policy

#### 9 Referring to the proposed policy objective statements below, how well do you support each one in guiding our development of a policy?

##### Objective 1 matrix - Objective 1:

Supported

##### Please explain in the text box below.:

Consistent should be tempered with an understanding that there may be special cases. I think economic and socio-cultural factors should be considered but should be given less weight than environmental/conservation factors.

##### Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

##### Please explain in the text box below.:

WA native vegetation is 98% endemic (extremely unique) and should be treated as such.

##### Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Supported

**Please explain in the text box below.:**

Must also include a whole-of-ecosystem approach which incorporates soil and water quality and native fauna into determining what approach is appropriate for a particular setting

**10 What opportunities are presented by the development of a State Native Vegetation Policy focused on how government manages vegetation?**

**Please provide your answer in the text box below.:**

More focus on WA native vegetation and endemic species.

Location-specific/tailored care regimes for different plants/ecosystems

## **Better information**

**11 How do you use native vegetation data within your sector? (Choose as many options as you require)**

Other

**If you have chosen 'other', please specify:**

I am a private citizen (science communicator)

**12 Which of the following elements of better information provision would be most relevant to your sector? (Choose as many options as you require)**

Evidence-base for decisions

**If you have chosen 'other', please specify:**

**13 What other opportunities are presented by improved information and improved access to information?**

**Please provide your answer in the text box below.:**

## **Better regulation**

**14 Which of the following elements of better regulation would be most important to your sector? (Please rank your top three)**

Rank better reg elements - Improved protection for native vegetation:

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Rank better reg elements - Ensuring development is sustainable:

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Rank better reg elements - Streamlined regulation for cost saving:

Rank better reg elements - Clearer requirements for business certainty:

Rank better reg elements - Improved assessment timeframes:

Rank better reg elements - Transparent, evidence-based decisions:

Rank better reg elements - Improved compliance and enforcement of unauthorised clearing:

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Rank better reg elements - Equitable treatment of all proponents:

Rank better reg elements - Confidence in the regulatory system for all stakeholders:

Rank better reg elements - Other:

**If you selected Other, please provide further information.:**

**15 What other opportunities are presented by better regulation?**

**Please provide your answer in the text box below.:**

Preservation and responsible stewardship of native vegetation and bushland sites

## **A bioregional approach**

**16 Which of the following elements are the most important to you/your sector? (Please rank your top three)**

Rank bioregional elements - 1. Transparent outcomes and objectives:

Rank bioregional elements - 2. Leveraging local knowledge:

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Rank bioregional elements - 3. Strategic and innovative approach to conflicting interests:

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

Rank bioregional elements - 5. Planned approach to dealing with cumulative impacts:

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Rank bioregional elements - 6. Effective monitoring and evaluation framework:

Rank bioregional elements - 7. Supporting public-private partnerships for conservation:

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Please explain in the text box below.:

**17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?**

Please explain in the text box below.:

Inclusion of community consultation.

Tailored conservation regimes which are fit for purpose

Acknowledgement that one size does not fit all

**18 What concerns are presented by a bioregional approach, for your sector?**

Please explain in the text box below.:

Possibly incongruous regimes.

Possibility of less transparency and less consistency

Failure to apply successful precedents

No blanket safety measures

## Other initiatives

**19 What initiatives do you think would work best to improve native vegetation outcomes in your region?**

Pricing, incentives and markets (e.g. biodiversity banking, offsets, carbon farming etc), Aboriginal land management, Pastoral diversification, Nature-based or cultural tourism

Please explain in the text box below.:

**20 What else could be done to improve the management of native vegetation to arrest the decline of native vegetation extent and condition?**

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Tighter control on industry

More support for community-led restoration as well as more government led restoration and conservation

More community consultation