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Not applicable (private citizen)

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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.:

I think it needs to be weighted more towards the environment than economic reasons. The inherent value of maintaining our remaining vegetation may not have an immediate economic outcome.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Including pockets of inner metropolitan bushland currently under threat like the Canning Clay Pan and Underwood bushland.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

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.:

Hopefully more robust protection for our native vegetation and less ability for Ministers of the environment to make poor decisions.
Encouragement of private, commercial and government parties to retain bushland.
A focus on preservation rather than the current cop out of environmental offsets.
Better assessment of bushland and its value to local fauna.

Better information

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

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

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

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 ability for local groups to comment and be actively engaged in the process of protecting their local bushland.

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:

1

Rank better reg elements - Ensuring development is sustainable:

3

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:

2

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

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.:

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:

1

Rank bioregional elements - 2. Leveraging local knowledge:

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

2

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

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

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

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Other initiatives

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

Other

Please explain in the text box below.:

Having a commitment from local councils to reduce clearing of metropolitan native vegetation.

Encouragement to stop urban sprawl into bushland areas and regenerating farmland for food production or natural bush instead of clearing for housing.

Encouragement to developers to stop razing of development sights - changes in planning approvals to support this.

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.:

Place a value on inner metropolitan bushland with rewards for retaining bushland and provide grants to regenerate existing bushland so it is commercially viable to retain bushland.