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Not applicable (private citizen)

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No

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 would like to see a bias towards environment and socio cultural outcomes to redress the past emphasis on economic outcomes. Ultimately, protection and promotion of environmental and socio cultural outcomes have proved to be economically beneficial to this state.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Definition of 'strategically' may be critical here. I hope it means priority given to greatest vulnerability.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

There is a case for the Perth Greater Metro area to have separate 'regional' status. Ad hoc development has been extremely detrimental to conservation of unique banksia woodland, for example.
Roadworks often affect unique stands of Nyctusia Floribunda. Increased sensitivity may lead to increased conservation.
Large tree habitat and foraging for threatened cockatoos could be conserved with better setbacks and recognition. Houses need to be away from large eucalypts.
Local councils have very little control here.

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.:

Opportunities arise where significant vegetation is mapped and recognised. There are often compromises which can be reached to preserve biodiversity. Rewarding re-establishment of native vegetation and restoration of ecology should be allowed through regional government. This might take the form of financial discounts on rates or taxes where fencing for stock control in re-veg areas, excellent or innovative firebreaks, fire control plantings, habitat restoration and re-vegetation of waterways can be demonstrated.

Better information

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

To plan for conservation, To plan for restoration, To scope offset opportunities

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)

Cost saving, Timeliness of assessments, 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 management at local level.
Better education and information for individuals as well as State Government.

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.:

Better regulation makes for clearer decisions. Conservation and offsets can be built into the planning process.
Just as miners now conserve topsoil for ease of later rehabilitation, clear regulation will encourage thought before clearing. Ecologically valuable existing

vegetation may be conserved as a result.

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:

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

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.:

Fire management seems an essential component.

Learning the subtleties of traditional mosaic burning for disease control and fire mitigation seems like a starting point.

Clear targets invite cooperation and avoid conflict.

Public/private cooperation has enormous potential to tap into public goodwill and reduce costs for industry simultaneously.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Employment and training opportunities in regions.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

There is a risk that regional biodiversity targets will still override specific local concerns, especially in the conflict between tourism infrastructure objectives and remnant native vegetation in some regions.

Other initiatives

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

Nature-based or cultural tourism

Please explain in the text box below.:

Wherever this is developing the ripple effects from education are positive.

Western Australia's greatest attractions are based in and around its natural assets. Conservation of native vegetation is vital. All impacts of disturbance, light, noise and clearing should be considered before infrastructure is increased in areas of remnant vegetation.

Low impact tourism should be given greater priority than other modes.

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.:

Water management.

Reduce upstream removal of water.

Restore and/or create wetlands.

Manage vehicle impacts by restriction of access. Population growth is making some 4 wheel drive areas unsustainable.

Improve chemical-free weed management to lower fuel loads.

Improve fire mitigation strategies; eg traditional mosaic burning.