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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.:

While I support this objective. The 'balance' concept must be better understood and articulated. 'Balance' for native vegetation needs to be about its generally considered value and the protection of that broad and deep value, which by its existence supports environmental, economic, social and cultural outcomes. This objective as it stands, suggests that native vegetation may get in the way of economic, social and cultural outcomes, which is peculiar in a State with such broadly cleared and degraded native vegetation. This is why the concept of balance in the objective needs some objective attention.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Critical to the well-being of environmental, economic, social and cultural outcomes. WA suffers across these because of over-clearing and degradation, case in point being that the broader wheatbelt is now an 18 million hectare desert that impacts not only within, but landscapes around it, critically the south west. This desertification must be reversed by restoration and revegetation of large areas; carefully, thoughtfully and respectfully to reflect the character and content of the current remaining native vegetation.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

All existing native vegetation in the southern regions is unique and at risk given the now well understood nature of its patterns of its diversity, sensitivity, peculiarity and ecological functions. It must be fully protected as its stands, as well as restored and further protected by broad-scale revegetation as above.

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.:

To place a much greater value on native vegetation as a protective medium with unique characterising and mitigating functions.

To use carbon pollution sequestration, regional climate calming , cultural character and new/old (Aboriginal) agricultural products as stimulants for protection, restoration, revegetation and revising the value of native vegetation.

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, For baseline information for monitoring, Other

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

To understand local and regional patterns of composition and diversity.

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.:

Improved ability to help better perception of the value of native vegetation.

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:

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:

3

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

2

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.:

Native vegetation is demonstrably valued.

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:

2

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

3

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:

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

These are all important issues. My ranking of the rest is: 6:4; 5:5; 7:6; 4:7.

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.:

That offsets are first choice and are not really offsets. Offsets have to be serious and large, and mostly about restoration and quality revegetation.

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, Private land management, Other

Please explain in the text box below.:

The considerable reduction of the amount of country burnt each year.

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.:

DBCA shifting from a dominant fire-based culture to a dominant conservation-based culture.

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