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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.:

The management of native flora should be consistent, strategic and transparent but the balance between outcomes needs improvement. The natural environment is worth so much more than economic outcomes. Areas that have been over cleared and in dire need of protection and restoration (especially WA Wheatbelt and Swan Coastal Plains) need to be favoured and saved before any monetary consideration. Environmental value is more important than economic value.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Native vegetation is an invaluable asset. Protection of biodiversity is essential.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

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.:

So many opportunities for improving and saving the environment. Mainly restoring the imbalance of land clearing towards land renewal. It is an opportunity for the WA government to stop desertification.

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:

Private sector.

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, Other

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

Decisions for protection and conservation need to be based on the best evidence available and learning from past disastrous mistakes. Strategic plans need to be transparent to the public to ensure support and confidence of the policy.

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

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Scientific recognition and support.

Land clearing under exemptions to be better monitored

Public awareness

Education

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:

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.:

A rebalance of conservation and development in favour of conservation, protection, enhancement and revegetation in over cleared areas of WA.

Stopping desertification

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:

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

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

3

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

1

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

2

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.:

Stopping desertification

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

A bioregional approach can often overlook smaller important areas that lay within a larger region.

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

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.:

Education

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