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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:

Neutral

Please explain in the text box below.:

Objective 1, fails to recognise that in W.A. there has never been a "balance" , native vegetation management in general, has historically been to the net detriment of the natural environment , to achieve a true "balance" much stronger action is needed to protect nature and restore the damage to the environment that has already occurred

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Neutral

Please explain in the text box below.:

would agree if the word strategically was removed,

in general all of the natural environment we have left needs protecting and conserving.
In Australia, many now extinct and endangered species and ecosystems were common in the past

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Neutral

Please explain in the text box below.:

statement not broad enough
all remaining flora and fauna in W.A. should receive the highest protection possible
regardless of its status

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 , a good policy backed by appropriate legislation, could help achieve the ending of the widespread destruction of nature in W.A.
Landclearing in W.A. whether legal or illegal, whether by permit or under one of the many land clearing exemptions, has been excessive and has led to many local, regional, national and global, negative outcomes which in the longer term are/may /will outweigh any economic or other benefits envisioned or delivered by the original proponent

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:

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 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:

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:

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If you selected Other, please provide further information.:

More Serious consequences for offenders including fines, compulsory vegetation restoration , or forfeiture of land
also full accountability for the fauna that is impacted/killed as a result of land clearing

The current Landclearing exemptions are in many cases being abused, and need reviewing urgently

15 What other opportunities are presented by better regulation?

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

1. Sending a strong message that all native vegetation is important, locally and globally, the current "Clear the bush first, deal with the consequences later" approach is not acceptable.
2. Major statewide employment opportunity in recruiting many more staff to work in environmental enforcement and remedial land restoration

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:

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.:

Basically much greater efforts to preserve and restore nature, need to be made across the board ,statewide, the basic principle of nature conservation, is simple, and is not helped by an overly complex and beauraucratic system , we humans have done enough harm to our planet, now is the time to let nature take priority and we shall have to learn to co exist .

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

many employment opportunities in all bioregional areas, in the restoration of cleared areas and enhancement of biodiversity of those lands adversely affected by human activity.

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?

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.:

Total ban on all further landclearing , including effective enforcement
Means to compel landholders to revegetate sensitive sites
Massive revegetation programme focused on catchments and enhancing remnant bush
with the aim of re-establishing biological connectivity throughout the landscape

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.:

- 1.Effective conservation management of all crown reserves
2. widening via compulsory acquisition if nessesary ,and revegetation of road reserves,
- 3.more incentives and funding for revegetation projects,
- 4.when possible a more conservation focused approach to fire management
5. and controlling the incidents of illegal clearing that happens during and after bushfires under the guise of the exemptions provided by the bushfires act, and the sudden change in the landscape.