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Private citizen

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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 do not believe economic outcomes should be held as highly valued as the other 3 outcomes when it comes to native vegetation. It is of lesser importance than the other 3.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

I would like to see this as an outcome- I do not believe it is the case at the moment. Our native vegetation is not strategically conserved and restored to a high enough standard at this stage.

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.:

As a State Policy it should overcome the problems we have at the moment with local governments over riding any initiatives to preserve and restore vegetation such as clearing of roadside verges. It should also ensure State Government bodies such as Main Roads do not destroy old trees and native vegetation alongside roads, apparently to make them safer for drivers as occurred with the York 8 trees on the York Quairading Road. (Highly questionable- the onus should be on drivers to drive safely) and stop them for cutting down old trees in the bush for untenable reasons such as they have a bees nest in them and someone might get stung while walking in the bush (as happened off Forrest Road in Cockburn a few years ago). Most importantly it presents an opportunity to stop the destruction of remnant native bush land, both urban and rural, the stop permitting private landowners from clearing native vegetation and to stop logging companies from selling important timber to wood chipping companies (as 'accidentally' happened recently in the South West). It also presents an opportunity to increase penalties for illegal clearing and selling activity so that there are realistic deterrents.

Better information

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

To plan for conservation

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)

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.:

Opportunities for public input into decision making would be enhanced. Also opportunities to hold decision maker's to account for their decisions.

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.:

The opportunity to provide real deterrents to illegal and unauthorised activities related to native vegetation and the opportunity to perhaps save what we have left. This will of course improve our chances of slowing climate change and lessening the impacts.

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:

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:

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Please explain in the text box below.:

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

The opportunity to draw on the thousands of years of local knowledge Aboriginal Australians have accumulated about the land and native vegetation. The protection of what remains of our native vegetation and the restoration of some other and the balancing of interests so that economic interests do not override the interests of native vegetation. The reigning in of some government departments that are active in the destruction of our native vegetation.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

That the loudest and most powerful voices- generally those in industry with economic and monetary power- will override attempts at conservation of native vegetation and wildlife.

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, Nature-based or cultural tourism

Please explain in the text box below.:

Increased penalties and sanctions and more highly publicised information about illegal, destructive and unauthorised activities related to native vegetation and wildlife

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.:

State imposed moratorium on clearing of native vegetation, education & campaigns to develop a love for our native vegetation and species. More opportunity (even enforced) for people, including bureaucrats and politicians, to actually get out into native vegetation and help maintain and restore it. Opportunities for ordinary citizens to be involved in the physical protection and rehabilitation of native vegetation/ restoration projects. The use of road and street verges as nature strips (as they were called in the past). The creation of wildlife corridors on small (see the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor) and large scales (see The Gondwana Link) to ensure remnant wildlife is able to maintain biodiversity. The use of under road tunnels and over passes to protect important native vegetation & wildlife and the rerouting of roads around such areas.

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