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No, these are my personal views

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#### 6 Which of the following best describes the group or person you represent?

Private citizen

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#### 7 Which of the following best describes the sector you represent?

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:

Strongly supported

##### Please explain in the text box below.:

A clear policy is required

##### Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

##### Please explain in the text box below.:

WA flora and fauna are unique. Competing demands for residential, rural and mining uses means that a strong overarching policy is required. This needs to be managed by the state government

##### Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

##### Please explain in the text box below.:

WA has been losing flora and fauna that are unique to certain areas. Once an ecosystem is lost, it cannot be replaced. Climate change, urbanization, mining and

agriculture all impact on the native vegetation. Increasing Biosecurity risks such as myrtle rust and xylella will mean that the rate is loss will increase.

**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.:**

Opportunity to provide an overarching policy. However, it needs to be transparent, reported and regulated which means that funds will need to be committed by the state government

**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:**

As a private citizen to determine how much native vegetation has been lost.

**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.:**

Accountability

**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:

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

Rank better reg elements - Equitable treatment of all proponents:

Rank better reg elements - Confidence in the regulatory system for all stakeholders:

2

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 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.:

**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?**

Aboriginal land management, Nature-based or cultural tourism, Private land management

Please explain in the text box below.:

The environment does not appear to be important unless it has economic value.

**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.:

Accountability - several different sectors are responsible for managing the environment but there is no overarching policy and no penalties for doing the wrong thing.  
Defining areas of high biodiversity and ensuring that these are protected (may require public to be kept out).