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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.:

In my opinion, economic outcomes are mostly geared towards the private sector which, by and large, is interested in profit and not the long-term effect of activity on the vegetation. I agree that it needs to strike a balance between environmental, social and cultural outcomes.

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

Strongly supported

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

The biodiversity of our WA environment is under huge threat from climate change, agriculture, mining etc.

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

Strongly supported

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

The Swan Coastal Plain has largely been cleared of banksia woodland and tuart forest - the remainder must be preserved. Similarly, the southern agricultural

regions cannot be cleared any more if our plants and animals are to survive an uncertain future. As well as "protection", we need revegetation to at least provide substantial corridors for both plants and animals.

**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.:**

Huge opportunities - the State Government has a role in requiring local government to adhere to statewide policies (eg. on roadside vegetation, clearing of banksia woodland, retention of corridors).

**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

**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)**

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.:**

It is vital that all information regarding clearing be disseminated to all stakeholders so that all may have input

**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.:**

Safety and care for existing vegetation, a planned approach to revegetation.

**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.:**

A proactive approach is vital - gone are the days when vegetation could be ripped out at will with no concern for the soil, the streams or the native plants which give this state its uniquely spectacular diversity.

**17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?**

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

Sections of WA that have been decimated by clearing will be able to be given priority when putting the brakes on and revegetating.

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

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

A one-size-fits-all approach within a bioregion.

## **Other initiatives**

**19 What initiatives do you think would work best to improve native vegetation outcomes in your region?**

Pastoral diversification, Other

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

Pastoral diversification - the world is moving towards more intensive food production. I return to "hence more revegetation"

Feral animals are becoming rampant and destroying vegetation and small animals more than ever - they must be controlled much more than at present. Surely there can be developed big markets for meats such as rabbit (I ate it regularly as a kid!), goat, camel, horse, pig.

Weeds - as patches of bush become smaller, as agriculture impinges more on bush, as the climate dries, as wildfires become more frequent (my opinion - what does the research say?), then weeds become an increasing problem, starving the native vegetation and preventing recruitment. I am always seeing this in the reserves I visit regularly. Any serious approach to vegetation policy must take account of this problem.

**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.:**

Our tourism is greatly enhanced by roadside wildflowers - we must recognise this and its economic importance as well as its cultural and heritage value.

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