

## Response ID ANON-4EM2-EKWZ-S

Submitted to **Native vegetation issues paper**

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No, these are my personal views

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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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### 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.:

**Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:**

Supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

**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.:

### Better information

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

To inform applications to clear or impact vegetation

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.:

### 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:

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:

3

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:

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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:

2

**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.:**

Cumulative impacts seem to be ignored. Each project is considered by itself rather than in the context of being one of many resulting in a significant cumulative impact on vegetation. This is typical for road projects like north link and others where they are a vast clearing exercise but undertaken in a series of projects where each clears only a few tens of hectares. Overall hundreds of hectares are cleared but the environmental impact for each project is claimed to be of little significance.

**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?**

Pricing, incentives and markets (e.g. biodiversity banking, offsets, carbon farming etc)

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

Farmers claim to be guardians of the land yet they have overseen clearing to the extent that areas like the wheatbelt are lucky to have 2% tree cover left. It would be good if they could be incentivised to revegetate so there is at least 10% tree cover.

**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.:**

Preserve bush forever areas rather than use them as land banks for government projects eg. Ocean reef marina. These areas should be off limits to development and be well maintained.