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Environmental consultant

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Environmental / NRM

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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:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

More transparency required as to the amount of vegetation cleared under exemptions.

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

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

##### 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.:**

Requirements for reporting of clearing under exemptions.

Clarification as to what sort of clearing can be done under each exemption.

Provision of better information eg. flora and fauna datasets to environmental consultants to ensure accurate surveys can be conducted.

## **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, 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.:**

Informed choices when planning field assessments for conservation significant flora or fauna.

Better information would allow bushfire consultants to put in more accurate information about the presence of conservation significant flora or fauna species in proximity to the location of a development application that may require clearing of vegetation.

## **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:**

2

**Rank better reg elements - Ensuring development is sustainable:**

1

**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.:**

Prosecution of individuals or companies who clear unlawfully. Penalties should be based on net worth of company or individual to ensure equity and make sure that penalty will actually be a deterrent.

## **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:

1

Rank bioregional elements - 3. Strategic and innovative approach to conflicting interests:

2

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.:

Local indigenous knowledge should be utilized to provide better environmental outcomes. Cultural ways of looking after country including burning and other fuel reduction mechanisms such as removal of fire wood should be adopted. Management of national parks should be passed on to local indigenous groups.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Looking at each area in its own rights, as to how much vegetation has already been removed, what needs to happen to conserve what is left and correct methods for any revegetation based on the specific area.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

How funds and resources will be allocated

## 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

Please explain in the text box below.:

**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.:

Appropriate development in degraded areas, with minimal impact to remnant vegetation. Protect pockets of remnant vegetation wherever possible.

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