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Private citizen

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Agriculture / Pastoral

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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.:

**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.:**

Our State Native vegetation will have greater protection finally and Global warming will partially start to be addressed. There should be no clearing permit fees as there should be no further clearing. There would be no need of assessments then.

## **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

**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.:**

Better management of our State native vegetation. To have no idea how much is being cleared each year is very bad management.

Also extremely bad management to have on the same page of the West Australian dated November 23-24 2019 from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, an advertisement seeking Registrations of Interest to develop approx (they don't know exactly) 75,000 hectares of unallocated Crown land in the Kimberley region. This land should be retained for conservation purposes.

Very sad that all the lovely pictures in your Native Vegetation Strategy don't have place names.

## **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.:**

Hopefully with better regulation our native vegetation will have a greater chance of survival and our great great grandchildren might get to see some.

## **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:

1

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?**

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We start looking at the big picture - getting trees put back into the landscape to provide shade/shelter for stock etc etc. This landscape has lost so much vegetation - we need to not lose any more and put more back. Farmers need to be encouraged to fence off creeklines, plant more vegetation - government needs to provide incentives to do so.

**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), Private land management

Please explain in the text box below.:

Individual property owners need to be encouraged to fence off any remnant native vegetation on their land and plant more.

**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 native bushland needs more tender care which it is not receiving at present. The current policy of drop a match and watch it all burn is not working. We need to have mosaic burning practices like the aboriginals used to do so that the native animals have areas to run to when the fire goes through. Also when the people who drop the matches have nothing to do they should be out there controlling weeds, feral animals, picking up rubbish. This would provide more jobs for people.

More monitoring on the effect of fire on our bushland needs to happen and how often it is safe to burn to not lose any of our native species. I have observed some dominant species taking over areas including Zamias. Once again this will provide more jobs.

Drones could perhaps be a tool to monitor vegetation clearing. Once again more jobs.

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