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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.:

Given this is driven by DWER unclear how economic, social and cultural outcomes are going to be rated to achieve balance with environmental goals.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Support a more landscape and strategic view than trying to save individual plants or populations, if the landscape is maintained then by virtue the habitat required individual plants is likely to be saved as well.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Regional setting is commendable but will likely be resource intensive to set the regional setting objectives and goals.

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 take a whole of government approach and reconcile all the various individually managed pieces of legislation that currently authorise clearing activities. This is also a chance to consider broader value of native vegetation than just biodiversity habitat, such as value as carbon sinks etc.

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, To scope offset opportunities, To inform applications to clear or impact vegetation, For baseline information for monitoring, Other

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

To demonstrate compliance with environmental approval conditions, internal KPI reporting and demonstrating appropriate environmental management and good corporate citizenship

12 Which of the following elements of better information provision would be most relevant to your sector? (Choose as many options as you require)

Cost saving, Timeliness of assessments, Evidence-base for decisions, Other

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

Ability to demonstrate environmental commitment and achievements.

13 What other opportunities are presented by improved information and improved access to information?

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Potential for this to become a repository of all biodiversity information, not just what is related to an approval submitted to DWER.

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:

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:

1

Rank better reg elements - Improved assessment timeframes:

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Rank better reg elements - Transparent, evidence-based decisions:

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:

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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.:

Improved decision making by having better data quality and availability to make decisions. Also opportunity to streamline updating of flora, fauna and TEC data locations managed by DBCA.

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:

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Rank bioregional elements - 5. Planned approach to dealing with cumulative impacts:

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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.:

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Ability to tailor approach based on an areas values and set clear goals for that area, which would inform decision making.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Potential for regional silos and hard borders that dont recognise transition zones or aspects that are not contained within the one bioregion (ie black cockatoos breeding and foraging habitat would be in different regions, how would this be addressed holistically. Is the approach aimed at conservation only, or is it also economic social and cultural goals included, if so this could become very complicated to gain all stakeholder agreement.

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.:

This would allow a value to be attached to vegetation which then makes it easier to determine if development is worth the cost or alternatives are more feasible.

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.:

Reduce the number of acts that can authorise clearing activities, improve transparency of decision making outside of DWER that also allow for clearing to occur. Adequately resource the enforcement section of DWER to become a credible regulator, at this point in time unlawful clearing seems to be unpunished and it is difficult for proponents to raise the profile of good environmental management when the risk of being held to account if you dont is so low.

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