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Not applicable (private citizen)

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N/A

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.:

Currently it appears that some developments require environmental assessments and others do not. Also clearing for fire protection in some shires does not require any assessment for endangered species of flora or fauna.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

The South West of our state is a biodiversity hot spot and growth and development could jeopardize that.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

See comment to question 1.

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.:

Certainty for business and local government in the direction taken to development and land use.

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.:

Clear guidelines around conservation and land use will support LGA's, business and the public generally in decision making and process.

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:

Rank better reg elements - Streamlined regulation for cost saving:

Rank better reg elements - Clearer requirements for business certainty:

3

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:

Rank better reg elements - Equitable treatment of all proponents:

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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.:

Confusion around the issue of conservation and land use would be removed because any proponent of a development or change to land use would have an act of Parliament to refer to to provide certainty of action.

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:

1

Rank bioregional elements - 2. Leveraging local knowledge:

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

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

2

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.:

Transparency and clear, simple directives remove uncertainty and provide a framework for LGA's and stakeholders.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Different approaches are required in differing climate and topographical zones. That is, what is required in the Gascoyne would not apply on the South Coast. Even then the western South Coast requires different thinking from the eastern South Coast as the forest component recedes.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

None

Other initiatives

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Reconsider the planned burning of national parks where there is sparse human habitation and limit the development of forested land.

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.:

As above. There is now much modern science that refutes the policy of burning large tracts of bush. No consideration is given to the emissions caused by this policy.