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No, these are my personal views

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#### 6 Which of the following best describes the group or person you represent?

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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No

### 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.:**

While I support the statement in principle I hope it means that native vegetation is not compromised for economic reasons. In saying that, it is not clear in the statement what is meant by economic. Does it mean economic gain from native vegetation, or economic cost of caring for it, or something else?

**Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:**  
Strongly supported

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

Western Australia should celebrate it's unique and diverse native vegetation as part of our culture. And as habitat to for birds and animals, many of which are under threat.

**Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:**  
Supported

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

I think this has to be widespread.

**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.:**

I would think there are many, including job creation and opportunities for other factors such as fire management, understanding indigenous landscape management, and research into wildlife care. There needs to be more resources put into our wonderful native vegetation, birds and fauna

**Better information**

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

Other

**If you have chosen 'other', please specify:**

I'm a private citizen

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

Other

**If you have chosen 'other', please specify:**

As above, but evidence-based information is important

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

**Please provide your answer in the text box below.:**

There would be many answers to this, but the most obvious is timely and thorough research. Good data and access to it are important for all studies, as well as for environmental approvals.

**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:

Rank better reg elements - Improved assessment timeframes:

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

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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.:**

We have a very large state that is difficult to manage to ensure compliance. We need good systems to ensure unlawful activities do not occur. The illegal clearing of trees for sale around Nannup is recent example.

**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:

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

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:

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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.:

We need to better understand what we are doing with the landscape, and the effects regulations have by monitoring outcomes. There is a great opportunity to foster public-private partnerships for conservation but they need a supportive framework.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Local knowledge, local jobs, local understanding and pride in looking after the biodiversity in our regions.

**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?**

Aboriginal land management, Pastoral diversification, Nature-based or cultural tourism, Private land management

Please explain in the text box below.:

Really, most of these things could work if resourced and managed properly

**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.:

Assistance and advice with building and living in bushfire prone areas. Education about the impacts of clearing habitat and what effects it has in the longer term. Less emphasis on short term economic gain.

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