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No, these are my personal views

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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.:

I agree that the management of native vegetation should be consistent, transparent and strategic. In the past the environment has lost out to economic factors and management has not been sustainable. The balance needs to be shifted to the environment especially in over cleared areas like the Swan Coastal Plain and the Wheatbelt

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Native vegetation is a major asset for the state so it must be conserved and restored to ensure its biological functions are protected. it is also important for human health.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Over cleared areas need special protection eg banksia woodland and tuart woodland TECs. Connectivity is important.

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.:

An opportunity to redress imbalances caused by overclearing in the past and an opportunity to see that WA's vegetation is protected into the future. Some vegetation communities appear to be at risk of changes to hydrology caused by fracking and this must be prevented.

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, For baseline information for monitoring, Other

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

For education

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.:

Consolidated information across all government agencies would clarify the impacts of clearing. It would be helpful to look at cumulative clearing and clearing occurring under exemptions.

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.:

A rebalancing of conservation and development in overcleared areas such as the swan Coastal plain.

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:

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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:

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Rank bioregional elements - 7. Supporting public-private partnerships for conservation:

Please explain in the text box below.:

Our vegetation in the south-west is suffering from "death by a thousand cuts" so we need to get a handle on the cumulative impacts.

With clear targets it can be understood that clearing permits will not be permitted in over cleared areas.

Effective monitoring will make it possible to prosecute illegal clearing.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

It will allow each bioregion to be treated appropriately

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

It will be concerning if we do not take into account vegetation diversity that may exist within a bioregion.

It will be concerning if over clearing is permitted, thus repeating the mistakes of the past.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

I think these initiatives are all important

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.:

No more clearing in over cleared areas

Implement Bush Forever

Protect corridors including roadside vegetation. What about turning the old Roe8/Roe9 land into a "wetlands to the coast" corridor.

Reconsider clearing exemptions

Develop incentives for preserving and restoring native vegetation