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Private citizen

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Not applicable (private citizen)

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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 opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

The objective of the management of native vegetation should be to protect native vegetation for posterity. Cultural values should be the only consideration outside of this objective. Management is not to strike a balance with competing uses.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

Strategy is open to interpretation. Conservation processes should be employed to ensure that the main objective is to preserve the native vegetation we currently have and expand it where possible.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

Whilst it is important to preserve those species that are currently at threat it is as important to protect all species before more species get added to the endangered list.

Habitat consists of many species which are part of a whole ecosystem which should be preserved.

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.:

The government is thanked for considering the policy and putting it out for consultation. How government manages our vegetation is extremely important. The government should have a statewide policy. Local management of the environment is determined by the amount of money local governments have on their coffers. An audit of remnant vegetation should be undertaken so that it can be protected by legislation. Around our cities this is critical for many environmental reasons as well as the health and well being of citizens. Bushland is important to people. As part of a community group which revegetates our local area we have people stop and thank us for what we are doing. An overarching statewide policy will instil confidence in the public as there will be one authority one can speak to about problems in their area.

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:

I work with a local community group which revegetates the local foreshore dunes. I have been doing this since 2006. Over the time we have improved the area dramatically using government grants and community labour. We manage this process with the help local schools and groups to complete our revegetation task whilst educating those who attend about the the native vegetation and it value.

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:

One agency should be responsible for all clearing permits with one set of rules.

All bush forever is bush forever is bush forever. not bush forever until someone wants to demolish it.

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

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Governments should be honest in their provision of information. People should not

have to fight for access to information. If a government believes in what it is doing it should be open and accountable for its actions.

For instance, I have been trying to get a question answered for some years. " What will be the impact of the huge Ocean Reef Marina on Mullaloo Beach". The nearest I have come to getting an answer is that, "any impact will be mitigated". Surely any honest government would state what is to be mitigated and what that mitigation will consist of. This information is not forthcoming. Surely any honest and accountable government should be able to answer this question before embarking on the construction of this marina. If it is not able to answer this then it is incompetent.

This illustrates that timely information is important.

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:

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.:

An improved policy with better regulation will provide confidence that assisting governments with revegetation of areas is not wasted.

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:

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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:

Please explain in the text box below.:

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

There should be a statewide approach to Native vegetation.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Each bushland is unique and has values to its region.

Other initiatives

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

Other

Please explain in the text box below.:

Better communication between Local authority and our group on issues related to the our environment.

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.:

Honest and open government and access to documents related to bushland preservation and confidence that bush forever is bush forever?

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