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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 supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Putting too many trails in can affect wildlife. Also there must be times when wildlife would be more disturbed than other times. This information needs to be readily available, as distinct from being discoverable by a keen internet user determined to get to the bottom of it.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Its good in theory, but lets not have 1001 localised exceptions to the rule where the landscape dies from a thousand paper cuts

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

I think "at risk" should mean at risk after a proposed action not not before the proposed action.

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 think educational mainly. But also the government only could collect native seeds and make these available to the public in order to reduce water consumption on residential gardening and to support native pollinators populations.

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:

As a private citizen this doesn't apply to me. But making data easier to use would be a bonus, things like putting tabular data in spreadsheets rather than in PDF only.

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:

This doesn't apply to me either. But going by what governments do in general, timeliness is a big thing. It would not be very encouraging for a website to say: "this region gets surveyed every three years" when the latest data set is about 8 years old, for example.

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

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

From a systems perspective timeliness of information leads to stability. So if we are doing something wrong because something has been overlooked then with timely feedback that wrong doesn't amount to a disaster.

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:

1

Rank better reg elements - Streamlined regulation for cost saving:

3

Rank better reg elements - Clearer requirements for business certainty:

2

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:

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.:

Goal congruence between biodiversity and profit.

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:

1

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

2

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

3

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.:

Well the Aboriginals have kept the eco system going for 50,000 years so the proof is in the pudding so to speak.

Native vegetation is a public good and different people have different interests and objectives so compromise and conflict resolution is a must

Clear targets and thresholds are needed so people know where they stand. Words like "reasonable" usually result in confusion. For example what is a reasonable tax deduction for the Commissioner of Taxation is quite different from that of the tax payer.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Fauna dependent on migration can be protected. Tourist want to experience an eco-system, not the bit that's stuck in a local government boundary.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Private citizen. But local concerns can get lost in the big picture.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

The problem with nature based tourism is that the cute critters get all the attention and the ugly ones are neglected.

I think pastoral diversification is the big one here. The problem with a pastoral lease is that you are told to have a certain kind of animal fed in a certain kind of way. When the environment suffers operators do not have the freedom to fix it.

Instead the caretaker of the land should have the right to use providing they are producing food. In that food production they must not raise the salt table, must keep water ways clean, must limit harm to the eco system. What I'm saying is an outputs based approach rather than a method based approach. Let human ingenuity be expressed and things will improve.

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.:

Appropriate burning off so the fuel load does not get too high between bushfires.

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