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Private citizen

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community group member

7 Which of the following best describes the sector you represent?

Environmental / NRM

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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:

Neutral

Please explain in the text box below.:

Native vegetation has not been adequately recognised for its role in social, cultural and economic outcomes. An imbalance in the importance of native vegetation to its potential and real contributions to these outcomes means that it comes a very poor last in these considerations.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Needs to be conserved and restored where it has been badly compromised. Every step should be taken not to destroy it if at all possible. This means better liason between the various government departments and business. Particularly Main Roads!

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Toodyay Road has been unfairly blamed for a number of fatalities/accidents when in fact it is driver error. This has led to a poorly considered response to road safety which has meant big tracts of very beautiful and attractive scenery has been destroyed thus impacting on the cultural, social and tourism enjoyment of a beautiful drive to Toodyay. Some of this roadside vegetation is on the threatened list of plants.

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.:

To make Main Roads more accountable for its actions in roadside clearing of native flora and vegetation where alternatives are available. For example more overtaking lanes rather than the broadside approach of clearing everything from the roadway. This does not make for safer road travel as people only go faster on a straight open road and it is a fact that there are more fatalities where the speed limit is 110 k/s per hour or greater.

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:

1

Rank better reg elements - Ensuring development is sustainable:

2

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:

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.:

More consideration of the economic potential for country towns to benefit from tourism stemming from the retired populace undertaking road trips to view the many sights and floral attractions that WA presents.

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:

1

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

Rank bioregional elements - 5. Planned approach to dealing with cumulative impacts:

2

Rank bioregional elements - 6. Effective monitoring and evaluation framework:

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

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Please explain in the text box below.:

Australia has an ageing population with retirees having time on their hands and often the means to travel within Australia. This means money being spent to answer the needs of ongoing travel. Please cater for this expanding section of the populace. This has great economic benefit to business and to attracting

overseas tourists.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bio regional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

The vegetation where replaced must be endemic to that area. Not plants that are not found growing naturally there. More employment in the horticultural industry to provide for revegetation of mining sites and other affected areas.

I do not believe that offsets help anything. You are still losing native vegetation that is impossible to restore to what it was before being compromised.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Inappropriate vegetation planted in the wrong sites.

Offsets that still result in a loss of vegetation!!!!!!