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Private citizen

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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:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Consistent and transparent management would be ideal. "Balance" is a broad word open to manipulation. The "balance" between said sectors would need to be clearly defined. My concern is that economic outcomes are prioritised over environmental outcomes. Whatever definitions are created for the "balance" needs to be transparent and accessible to the public and private sectors.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

I assume that if this objective is only at landscape scale then it leaves things open and undefined for air and below ground landscapes. This could leave us vulnerable to mining companies and air pollution. Maybe you need a clearer definition of "landscape scale".

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Yes. Again you might need clearer definitions as most of our vegetation is unique.

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 assume the government would commit increased money, job opportunities and more employment stability in the NRM and environment industries including non for profit organisations.

The policy will hopefully result in reduced land clearing and pollution, better weed & pest control and better protection of our native vegetation.

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:

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.:

The larger public population can see if WAs unique vegetation is being protected and hopefully land clearing is reversed with more planting and restoration of native land. It will also point out where policies are not working and need extra attention. Volunteer help comes from the larger public population so the above points are important as well as giving people a chance to connect with WAs precious environment.

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:

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:

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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:

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.:

All of the above

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:

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

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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:

Please explain in the text box below.:

My biggest concern is that business and safety more often override the importance of native vegetation. This needs to change, hence the selection of my top three.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

I don't know

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

With the elements proposed above I feel that there is still potential for business and government sectors to get priority for land clearing etc. over the protection of native vegetation.

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.:

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.:

I see nothing in the proposal about the effects of climate change - dryer, hotter (wetter up north), more extreme weather and bush fires which will all make our current vegetation more vulnerable and fragile. Assessments of each plant species to see if they will be adversely affected by the climate changes needs to be done and then added into classifications for rare, endangered and at-risk plant species. Any proposals of land clearing must take this into account.

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