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Private citizen

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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.:

the balance referred to should always be weighted in favour of the environment.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

And the resources needed to achieve this must be provided.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

And the resources needed to achieve this must be provided.

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.:

Concerned parties can approach Government with a clear view of the processes required, and in a single direction, rather than going from department to department trying to get their required outcome.

Better information

11 How do you use native vegetation data within your sector? (Choose as many options as you require)

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)

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.:

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 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:

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Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

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

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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.:

Whilst all seven of the above elements are important, supporting public-private partnerships can benefit large areas of the State: eg. alterations to pastoral leases in the Southern Rangelands. Addressing conflicting interests and cumulative impacts must be considered a priority also, as one hears of too many of these conflicts already.

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

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, Nature-based or cultural tourism

Please explain in the text box below.:

In the SW Capes region, tourism is the main user of the remnant bush. This will expand in the future, so initiatives for operators to conserve that bush should be in place. Aboriginal land management has been an outstanding success for thousands of years, so should also be in the equation. Pricing, incentives and markets should also be developed for the agricultural sector of the region.

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.:

More funding for pest and weed control must be a priority.

State and Local Government must work more closely together to arrest this decline.

Landholders who demonstrate a willingness to conserve and regenerate their land should be given every encouragement to do so. (I would recommend anyone who has not already done so to read David Pollocks book 'Wooleen' to find out how red tape can adversely affect regeneration projects.)