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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:

Strongly opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

There is the continuing belief that to log in old growth forests is acceptable and the definition of what constitutes old growth is acceptable. I don't find the current definition acceptable and also don't feel that current practises can be considered sustainable by any stretch of the imagination.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

Conservation is a big issue. A consistent definition and a consensus by all knowledgeable bodies should be a requirement prior to disruption of the landscape. Rehabilitation of locations should not be considered as an improvement of ecological function and biodiversity at a landscape scale.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

This needs to be strictly enforced to protect and conserve all species that are considered to be at risk. Under no circumstances should there be any allowances made for any offset practices.

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 opportunity to protect and conserve all native vegetation needs to be a focus. A neutral body, with no vested interests or connections to big business needs to be developed,. This body will be committed to open and informed transparent analysis practices.

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.:

To ensure the conservation value of the environment is a priority, improved information and access to this information is imperative in making informed decisions and reaching consensus, supported by informed data and collection of current statistics in given situations.

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:

3

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.:

Making sure the right decisions are made at the appropriate times, through consultation with stakeholders by transparent means with appropriate guidelines and data.

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:

2

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.:

The advantages of consultation with local community and stakeholders to ensure the outcomes have been adequately transparently discussed with the impacted communities and that adequate consensus has been reached through the use of statistical data and discussions.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

That government bodies can makes changes as they choose without adequate discussions, consultation following guidelines and transparent practises with the stakeholders whilst involved in discussions in regard to the acquisition of environments that are considered high risk .

Other initiatives

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

Aboriginal 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.:

Greater consultation with local indigenous groups, the use of their traditional knowledge.