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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 opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

This objective seems at odds with the preservation of maximal biodiversity. 'Striking a balance' is a subjective notion not a scientific one. It is in WA's long term interest to preserve its biodiversity, however short term economic interests can be enabled by the false promise of 'striking a balance'. This may be politically expedient but not scientifically defensible. Allowing economic development to cloud scientific decision making processes through bureaucratic means relieves our democracy of its key purpose. To ensure the accountability of those who are democratically elected people requires a distinction between separate aspects of a project's merits.

Regarding cultural and social issues: in WA these are necessarily aspects which require consideration given our first nation's peoples' relationship to country.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:
Strongly opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

The word 'strategic' seems problematic here...it is a word that could signal being untethered from the scientific domain via an evidential pathway.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly opposed

Please explain in the text box below.:

Subjective words which could be used to argue for the 'necessary ' extinction of 'non-strategically ' important species via regional priorities set elsewhere in government.

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.:

Stronger protections and regulatory regimes for preserving biodiversity.

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, To scope offset opportunities, To inform applications to clear or impact vegetation, For baseline information for monitoring

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)

Cost saving, Timeliness of assessments, 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.:

Ensuring illegal clearing is better regulated.

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:

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:

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.:

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, Pastoral diversification, 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.:

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