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Koora Retreat Centre Inc

6 Which of the following best describes the group or person you represent?

Community / Non-government organisation

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

Other

If other, please specify.:

Retreat in Great Western Woodlands

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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:

Supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

The balance between these four factors is influenced by political pressures and the value systems of powerful lobby groups. Policy determination recognise such pressures and still to ascribe value to all four factors is important.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

This conservation needs to take into account the traditional Aboriginal land management practices fir each landscape type. Often policy is formed from a perspective fashioned by practices in our countries of origin. Policy needs to be uniquely Australian.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Placing this priority in the policy would lend strength to the rights of native vegetation when its rights are challenged by economic exploitation or extraction interests and lobby groups.

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.:

Attention to and application of traditional Aboriginal land management practices can be supported.
Vegetation decimated by non-native animal grazing can be reintroduced and protected from such pressures.
Priority can be given to research on the commercial value of use of native vegetation rather than imported or invasive species.

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.:

Decisions on conservation, restoration, protection and even commercial application can be better informed with better information.

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.:

Enhanced knowledge sharing about what native vegetation corresponds to particular regimes.
Education of mitigation options and enforceable oversight of clearing proposals.

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:

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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:

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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.:

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Specific ecosystem needs can be recognised, managed and supported.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

None

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.:

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.:

Private land holders or users could be required to establish, maintain or manage a percentage of their land with vegetation pertinent to that bio region.