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Other

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indigenous guardian

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

Indigenous

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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 supported

**Please explain in the text box below.:**

we need to go back and reference indigenous land management practices. it is still the same land, the same practices will continue to work.

**Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:**

Strongly supported

**Please explain in the text box below.:**

the land is ours to use for a short, we must leave it in a state that that is useful for future generations

**Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:**

Strongly supported

**Please explain in the text box below.:**

DEFES fire breaks are highly detrimental, we nearly lost a rare variation of quandong trees because they don't pre-survey before they cut new firebreaks. who

knows what we have already lost because of their SOP.

**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.:**

indigenous people managed the land for regular food supply, they had no refrigeration, understanding how they did this is a key element in any future land management. it is becoming more recognized now that this land has been managed for a very long time. any management strategy has to be mindful of this history

**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, Other

**If you have chosen 'other', please specify:**

as an indigenous man I harvest native food for sale. correct land management maintains a harvest and provides some money for other necessary practices i.e. feral control. burning is the primary tool, if done correctly, little burning needs to be done to manage a large area. previous burns give the best protection from large scale wild fires.

**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:**

evidence based decision making  
evidence based decision making  
evidence based decision making  
you get the idea

**13 What other opportunities are presented by improved information and improved access to information?**

**Please provide your answer in the text box below.:**

include the indigenous groups who are actively producing native foods and trying to introduce them into the main stream food/drink consumption

**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.:**

regulators have to have a good understanding of the particular requirements of a district. what works in the Kwongan Heathlands may not be suitable in the

southern forest. there is still some information from old people on how this country used to be managed, but we need to be quick and interview those that are still alive to find out how they did it. most of the old folks I talk to are horrified at modern practices. throwing vast amounts of money around hasn't worked.

## 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:

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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:

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.:

having undertaken long term coastal management projects in coorow shire we have learnt 3 things. repair and maintain, keep it accessible (even modified access is better than exclusion) and always consider improving the local economy at the same time. we can give examples of this if required. humans will protect some thing if they see a value in doing so. that value can be aesthetic, cultural or economic.

### 17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

during this years quandong harvest we discovered 4 distinct variations 2 of which are very rare, we would like to preserve these but will need to prepare selected sites with correct burning to start the process. it would be nice if the correct regulations allowed us to do this in a timely manner. those who enforce regulations should have a reasonable understanding of local conditions. we want to plant these along the 3 bays walk at Greenhead this will add value to that project and enhance educational/ commercial opportunities.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

don't want to keep bashing DEFES but they do a lot of damage with their practices. that department needs to be more sensitive to local conditions

## Other initiatives

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

Aboriginal land management, Nature-based or cultural tourism, Private land management

Please explain in the text box below.:

many farmers I know have preserved special areas on their land these become part of our national estate. a register of these would be very useful and I know most of these farmers would like some assistance at times. we do feral control for them which they always appreciate. these private reserves should be considered in any regulatory environment.

### 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.:

kill ferals

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