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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:**

Neutral

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

There cannot be a balance between environmental and economic outcomes. They are basically or usually opposites. One seeks to conserve native vegetation whilst the other seeks to eliminate it as with mining or agriculture.

**Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:**

Supported

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

WA has lost so much native vegetation and all must work to lose no more.

**Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:**

Strongly supported

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

**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.:**

Government Departments don't manage native vegetation well at all. If you consider the logging industry which for years has run at a financial and environmental loss, it is offensive. We can only hope if this NVP goes ahead it might focus more carefully on the need for more conservation and prevention of clearing, logging and prescribed burning.

## **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, 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)**

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.:**

The opportunity to report on illegal clearing and/or burning, weed infestations, illegal crops, camping and destruction of forest.

## **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:**

**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:**

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**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.:**

Transparency is important for the public.

## **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:

Rank bioregional elements - 6. Effective monitoring and evaluation framework:

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Rank bioregional elements - 7. Supporting public-private partnerships for conservation:

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Please explain in the text box below.:

Local Aboriginal knowledge and experience should be mandatory and inclusive.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

Each bioregion is special in it's own right.

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

Please explain in the text box below.:

There is considerable diversity which may be interpreted as exceptional circumstances and regulations or rules could be stretched. This could mean more expense, resources and manpower required.

## 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, Other

Please explain in the text box below.:

Offsets need to be paid for appropriately and improved for all development site (roads, mining etc). Some areas of vegetation should be isolated from the public and development.

**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.:

Fence off and isolate some areas of valuable vegetation and prevent or limit access to these areas by people, ferals and weeds.

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