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Yes, you may publish my response

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Bee Industry Council of Western Australia (BICWA)

5 Which of the following represents your, or your organisation's, primary interest in native vegetation?

Farming/Agriculture

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:  
Representation of more than 4,000 registered beekeepers in WA

### Context

6 Has the Policy's context adequately covered native vegetation values, opportunities and challenges? (Select all that apply)

The context section is broadly satisfactory, There are elements to be addressed (use text box below)

Please provide details on missing elements in the text box below:

The Bee Industry Council of WA supports the overall policy context and hopes that it will be invited to be involved in all strategy levels - planning, collaboration and coordination. Beekeeping leaves a small footprint and delivers a high economic value.

Furthermore, we suggest addressing the following elements:

- Forest thinning; especially in regards to the age structure of the forest
- identify offsets; provide a calculation guideline
- how does the Government value biodiversity in relation to the competing industries

### Guiding Principles

7 How suitable are the guiding principles in providing a contemporary foundation for managing native vegetation? (Select all that apply)

The guiding principles are broadly suitable, There are elements to be addressed (use text box below)

Please provides details on missing elements in the text box below.:

The principles as stated are suitable. The values and practices outlined are consistent with beekeepers' views on the importance of native vegetation to many sectors of the economy and community. We especially support points five and ten, and echo the opportunities and challenges identified.

### Strategies and outcomes

8 How well do you support the strategies and outcomes?

Outcome suitability - Strategies: The four strategies working together to enable policy evaluation and improvement:  
Strongly support

Outcome suitability - Outcome 1: Native vegetation is conserved and restored at landscape scale:  
Strongly support

Outcome suitability - Outcome 2: Certainty, transparency and data sharing improve:  
Strongly support

Outcome suitability - Outcome 3: Improved policy, practice and evaluation:  
Strongly support

Outcome suitability - Outcome 4: Native vegetation outcomes are achieved, together with other State priorities:  
Strongly support

Please provide details on improving outcomes below.:

The four strategies and four outcomes are strongly supported. BICWA looks forward to being involved in the collaboration phase and highlighting areas of key importance to beekeeping and the honey industry. These include issues dealing with offsets, thinning, burning, apiary permits, access to information via improved web portals, revegetation, and the need for the use of independent scientific studies in decision making.

## Goals and Approaches

9 How suitable are the goals and approaches in guiding implementation of the policy?

Goals and approaches suitability - Strategy 1 goals and approaches:  
Suitable

Goals and approaches suitability - Strategy 2 goals and approaches:  
Suitable

Goals and approaches suitability - Strategy 3 goals and approaches:  
Suitable

Goals and approaches suitability - Strategy 4 goals and approaches:  
Suitable

Strategy 1 goals and approaches:

The goals and approaches for each strategy are suitable, especially the commitment to clear objectives, shared data and improved information sharing. Some of the approaches are somewhat "motherhood" and will need to be monitored, reviewed, and clearly communicated to ensure implementation by the many government agencies involved.

The operational systems in many agencies will need to be improved for many of these approaches to succeed. This will require a degree of cooperation that is currently missing.

Strategy 2 goals and approaches:

see comments strategy 1

Strategy 3 goals and approaches:

see comments strategy 1

Strategy 4 goals and approaches:

see comments strategy 1

## Roadmap

10 Which roadmap actions are most important?

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Regionally-tailored objectives and priorities (Actions 1.1 - 1.3):  
High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Monitor and evaluate policy implementation (Action 1.4):  
Medium priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Review of existing mechanisms for protecting native vegetation (Action 1.5):  
High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - A focus on the Wheatbelt (Action 1.6 and 3.4):  
High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Transparency of decision-making (Actions 2.1 - 2.3):

High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Systems to support decision-making and data sharing (Action 2.4):

High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Improve efficiency and clarity of the clearing permit process (Action 2.5):

High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Native vegetation mapping and monitoring (Actions 3.1 to 3.3):

Medium priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Incentives and pricing for good stewardship (Action 4.1):

Medium priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Environmental offsets (Actions 4.1a) & 4.2):

High priority

Matrix - Roadmap actions - Other (use textbox):

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

The actions identified in stage one are the most important. As is clearly seen by the list of organisations detailed in the Lead Agency column prioritising strategic collaboration is crucial. We agree that good foundations must be built for successful actions. Beekeeping and honey production is ideally placed to help tell the story of WA's iconic vegetation through provenance.

Improving digital systems will enable beekeepers to be kept more aware of agency activities and to engage more clearly with these agencies in regard to access permits, site clearing, and prescribed burning schedules.

We trust that adequate resources will be devoted to delivering this roadmap and clear owners identified for each action who will be held responsible for delivering the required outcome in the timeline identified.

Resources will also be required for evaluation of the implementation approaches and to ensure ongoing and meaningful communication and collaboration.

## Upload a document

11 You can upload documents or supporting information here.

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Please describe the documents you have uploaded, and if relevant which question they relate to.:

Letter of support