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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to make a submission re the Native Vegetation Policy.

Firstly, thank you for taking the initiative for reviewing / preparing this crucially important policy.

The key points I would like to make are listed below:

1. Native vegetation protection, conservation and enhancement, especially remnant vegetation, is the 'low hanging fruit' of actions to mitigate climate change, ensure biodiversity protection / enhancement and economic resilience for us in WA. Protection and enhancement of native vegetation must be given upmost priority, which should be stated in the policy.
2. Connectedness / linked corridors of native vegetation across woodlands and forests is a high priority, which should be stated in the policy. Landscape scale connectedness will lead to overall highest cumulative benefits of the policy.
3. The policy should state that the current practice of prescribed burning will be subject to urgent independent scientific review to assess the impact on forest ecology, and flora / fauna biodiversity.
4. The policy should explicitly prohibit the use of any material, including thinnings, from native forests and woodlands for use in the biomass industry.
5. The policy should confirm the recent announcement that there will be no logging of native forests after January 2024. It should also state that all native forests and woodlands will be protected in the conservation reserve system and managed under a forest conservation plan.
6. There should be no expansion of the current bauxite mining operations in WA's jarrah / marri forests, and the policy should reflect this. Alternatively, there should be an independent scientific review to assess the cumulative impacts of the clear felling for mining in the jarrah / marri forests of WA.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Regards, [REDACTED]