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Subject: Native Vegetation Policy- Comments from the Nursery & Garden Industry WA

To whom it may concern:

The Nursery & Garden Industry WA has a strong interest in the policy being developed to safeguard our Western Australian vegetation.

Our comments :

- The industry is keen to ensure the protection of our diverse flora of native species with particular interest around threatened species. With pressure mounting around climate change it is native flora that will be sustainable and be able to adapt to a changing environment particularly when we consider lower rainfall and fluctuations in seasonal temperature.
- One of the key initiatives of our industry has been the promotion of greener spaces and the growth in canopy cover across our state . This policy should therefore highlight initiatives to not only protect native vegetation in regional areas but in key urban areas too. As such there are no tree preservation orders across our state and native trees particularly should have a value to reduce unnecessary clearing of land for urban development.
- The association understands that the Dept of Biosecurity, Conservation & Attractions oversees permits and licences for native flora collection from Crown land for commercial purposes. Our members are concerned about the process and the difficulty at times to get licences particularly as many are key stakeholders in the collection of provenance plants. The Association would like to see where possible processes streamlined for those organisations who fall under the national nursery accreditation program and a push to see the licence cover a business and not just an individual . These businesses would then be responsible for the sustainable sourcing of propagation material.
- Education will form an important part of the policy succeeding. We see our role in enabling a greater diversity of native plants to be protected and by careful selection in the field and then advanced propagation techniques / breeding programs ,bring these species into the market place to secure their long term existence than being threatened.
- In collaboration with a number of key stakeholders, NGIWA is keen to raise the profile of native plants and their protection by seeing the State Govt , particularly the work of Main Roads and other key WA state infrastructure bodies , to commit to the planting of native corridors across metropolitan Perth and into regional areas. This will not only increase the awareness of their prominence in our landscape but also further improve the reputation of the states flora from a tourism perspective .

The association has also completed the on line feedback form which includes comments from our members .

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