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Director General

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NATIVE VEGETATION POLICY

Thank you for the opportunity for Water Corporation to comment on the Consultation Draft of the Native Vegetation Policy for Western Australia.

Water Corporation is a large land-owner and manager in Western Australia and as such, is significantly involved in the protection and conservation of native vegetation on these lands. Many of the Corporation's responsibilities are shared with other State agencies, principally the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, however the Corporation also has significant biodiversity and native vegetation management requirements in its own right.

The Corporation has reviewed the Consultation Draft on Native Vegetation Policy and I am pleased to advise that the Corporation is supportive of the intent of the Policy Statement and the Guiding Principles. We have also reviewed the Strategies and Outcomes section of the Consultation Draft, and to the extent the statements are relevant to the Corporation or within our control the Corporation supports the approach (some of the approaches relate to regulatory processes or whole of Government initiatives the Corporation can participate in but not be the primary driver).

The Corporation has many internal planning and environmental policies that impact upon the management of endemic ecosystems on lands we manage, and in general terms they are consistent with the approaches suggested in the Consultation Draft. As the Native Vegetation Policy takes its final form and becomes State policy, the Corporation will review its relevant internal policies and objectives to ensure they remain consistent with the State's objectives.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Consultation Draft. Should you wish to discuss either these comments, or the Corporation's relevant internal policies please contact Dr

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