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NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING

1 . Would a strategic approach to clearing, through a strategic purpose permit, benefit you?

Response: unsure
Comments:

2. Is the 'purpose component' reasonable to apply considering the added complexity of assessing this type of clearing permit?

Response: unsure
Comments:

3. Is the proposed fee structure fair and does it adequately reflect differences in the financial capacity of clearing permit applicants?

Response: unsure
Comments:

4. What is the likely impact on your business or industry of the proposed clearing fee structure?

Comments:
Unknown

5. Additional comments regarding Native Vegetation Clearing not addressed in the questions above.

Comments:

WATER

6. Do you consider it reasonable for taxpayers to pay 100 per cent of the cost of assessing water licence and permit applications and if so, why?

Response: yes

Comments:

The inclusions on the proposed exemption list has to be payed by the taxpayer, so they may as well pay for the remainder. Especially in the public sector where the taxpayers use the assets the water is used to maintain.

7. If water licence and permit assessment fees were introduced, what do you consider to be an appropriate fee for a water licence or permit application?

Comments:

Enough to cover anticipated required resource.

Definitely not to supplement assessments for those who are exempt from paying.

8. Would you consider a risk-based model for determining water licence and permit application fees to be appropriate? If not, what basis could the department use to structure fees?

Response: unsure

Comments:

Not sure of the question.

9. What would be the likely impact on your business or industry if water licence and permit fees were introduced?

Comments:

Unforeseen new rate increases for residents.

*10. If water licence and permit assessment fees were introduced, how could the collection of fees be timed to better support your business or industry?

For example, would you benefit from paying fees up front, at the end of a licence assessment or annualised over the term of the licence?*

Response: unsure

Comments

If the fee is proposed, there will need to be due consideration prior to our budget process since no funds are currently available.

11 . Additional comments regarding Water licences and permits not addressed in the questions above.

Comments:

As a sector, Local Government uses our limited and highly controlled ground water in public places for the benefit of the whole community, not just our residents. No profits are generated.