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NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING  
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\*1 . Would a strategic approach to clearing, through a strategic purpose permit, benefit you?\*

Response: no  
Comments:

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

Response: yes  
Comments:

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

Response: no  
Comments:

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

Comments:  
None

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

Comments:  
In many cases people will be happy to revegetate one area to clear another

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WATER  
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\*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 assessment is to ensure that there is sufficient water for all users and as a resource or infrastructure for the state it is a governmental response to monitor and assess. In some areas like ours that is a fractured rock basin there is no idea on volume of water available or location so how do you assess risk, given all the infrastructure and cost is ours and if we run out it is also our risk.

\*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:

I am opposed to any fee as this will keep getting increased until it is a huge impost on small business and will eventually become unviable \*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: no

Comments:

At some stage charges should relate to the amounts of water used for licences. High use should be charged more.

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

Comments:

We would in all likelihood hand the licence back and shut down the floriculture side of the business.

\*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:

As I have stated I am opposed to any fees

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

Comments:

In most cases in agricultural licenses this water is used to produce fresh food for the local market or exported. this is a direct benefit for the community, if a fee is applied then business will have to try and pass it on or absorb it and in many cases both of these options are very hard to do.