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NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING

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

Response: no
Comments:

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: yes
Comments:

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

Comments:

This would have minimal impact on our current business.

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:

Yes, because city people have a whole lot of government services provided including water supply, public transport as well as many other government facilities at their doorstep.

They are not expected to pay for feasibility studies and assessing whether a proposed project is viable or justified.

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 think assessment and permits for agriculture should be 100% exempt *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:

I am against any fees and charges. I believe the risk should be monitored as well as licence permits issued but have no fees as the agriculture sector benefits the whole community.

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

Comments:

Just another cost to our farming operation which should be born by the whole community. This would be a minimal cost compared to the many hundreds of millions wasted elsewhere.

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

I would refuse to pay the fee and get the support of others in the same situation.

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

Comments:

The government bodies should become a lot more efficient instead of wasting time doing surveys like this. Most of the work is already done so existing data and research can be applied to each licence or permit with minimal work.