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Subject: Re: Friendly Reminder on Cost Recovery Submissions close on 5pm WST on 15th November 2018

Hi All

I have spoken with a number of farmers regarding this and thought I should give you the feedback. The recent meeting held in Manjimup most producers will not fill in a submission as they were very disappointed with the meeting they believe the process was not done correctly and didn't feel that they were being heard.

As you would be aware the large majority of those that attended didn't stay to the finish as they were not impressed with the way the meeting was being run and walked out during the meeting.

Unfortunately many felt it was only about job justification for the department of water employees and had nothing to do with the effect the proposed changes would have on their own business operations.

Unfortunately producers are very busy at this time of year with avocado harvest and hay making planting of crops for the coming season etc.

To get that many to attend in the middle of the day shows that they are very concerned about the proposed changes however have lost confidence in the department.

Having opened the submission myself just now it just strengthens the views of these producers.

The questions are just simply those that you want answered instead of looking at the issue in a broader senses to look for ways that may deliver a better result.

The producers are in disbelief at the proposed costs between this and the proposed SFIS locally many are wanting an enquiry into the departments costings and will certainly be asking a lot of questions going forward.

Kind Regards

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