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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: yes  
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:

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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: no

Comments:

A charge needs to be fair and reasonable, it is not fair to charge 100% cost on an ad hoc basis for govt

services nor is it reasonable that a simple renewal of an existing licence can cost over \$6k everytime.

Agree that a new licence should have to pay the cost of assessment.

\*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:

a renewal of existing licence should only be as per current charges a new application should be based on

the expected time to complete the modelling impacts etc. so would be considerably more than standard

renewal in the region of \$5-10k.

\*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: yes

Comments:

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

Comments:

another added cost of doing business in WA, the increase in electricity charges have been bad enough

this is another kick to the agricultural sector which has had minimal sales price increases so has had to absorb the increases.

\*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: upfront

Comments

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

Comments:

the government came to power based on no new taxes, if this legislation is introduced it is a clear

broken promise.