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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: no
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:

Massive costs incurred engaging environmental consultants to prepare submissions for clearing permits already.

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

Comments:

Additional costs in a very difficult time for agriculture businesses.

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: no

Comments:

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 don't think any more fees are appropriate.

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:

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

Comments:

We operate 5 separate vineyards, with 5 separate water licences. The implementation of the proposal

would see us slugged \$30 000. This would make our business unviable.

*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

They could be better timed by not being collected at all.

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

Comments:

We are taxed heavily, pay fees, licences, application costs at every turn. We are an employer in an agricultural sector in a rural area. Implementation of water fees and licensing will hurt. The Department of Water and Environment is a service provider in a service industry. Streamline processes and apply efficiencies to drive productivity up, reduce costs as per private industry to deliver savings to the Government. Deliver savings to Treasury to negate the need for "cost recovery"