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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:

Charges increased to a unreasonable level.

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

Comments:

will effect my future employment.

Family Farm future at risk

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

Comments:

leave fees as is and increase dept KPI.

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:

water Licence holder pay taxes and provide fresh food to the population. They Provide rural employment including my employment.

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:

None acceptable - why should I have to pay to water my plant stock, When my neighbour might run

5,000 sheep with one bore on 5,000 acres and use just as much water as one bore on a feedlot which

should be licenced . Do you want to charge animal farmers to water their stock?

*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:

no consideration that licence holders produce food to eat. Same as Broad acre farmers but they don't

need licences. Horticulture Products are

perishable and cant hold out for better price. Price Takers. Cant cost

recover.

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

Comments:

My employment and long term Goals of where I want to be have been put into question.

If there no income in the future of the family farm because of the government taxing the shit out of it

then I will look for a better way to make money.

*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

Mandatory to Choose a box (to Submit response) so have chosen Unsure, But I am sure I do NOT WANT

ANY FEES AT ALL.

this submission paper is So stacked and one sided all to get the responses that DWER want.

You have to make it impossible to say. WE DONT ACCEPT ANY TAX COST RECOVERY OR ANY OTHER FEE

YOU WANT TO CALL ITFULL STOP....

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

Comments:

This roll out of this campaign to gouge the tax payer of money has been ill conceived. Timed to be introduced when farmers when they are busiest and very little communication or No Communication. Not even a letter to Water licence holders.

You want to improve dwer kpi then do the job properly. Communicate, send out notices, advertise meeting, engage with licence holders, put adverts in Farm papers that effectively communicate the charges you want to impose on these sectors. Why pick on certain industries and not all bore holders as a whole. where does it stop?