

29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dept of Water & Environmental Regulation,

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Dear Sir,

RE: WATER LICENSE FEES & RECOVERY COSTS PLAN.

I am writing to you in regard to the above plan for future water Licenses.

I recently attended a meeting in Manjimup where we were informed of the proposed plans to introduce a water license fee on our dam, and that we were asked to make a submission if we were not happy with the proposals.

The next day I received a letter from your Dept , Your Ref sw5412, instructing us meters had to be installed by a certain time or penalties would apply accordingly.

My wife & I live on a small 50 acre property [Lot 2 of Nel Loc 1216 Pemberton] on the Warren River. Because we could not pump from the Warren River, we made the decision to construct a dam on a small stream reserve [with full approvals in place] . This stream comes from the national park and runs into the warren for about eight months of the year. No other party or farm is on this stream reserve.

We were then advised by an engineer that it was not a good site for a dam site, because of the lack of clay and sandy loam soil types, and the dam would be subject to leaching to the Warren river. We choose to proceed with the dam at substantial cost as we had decided to plant 5 acres of Olive Trees. Further more we also constructed five small marron ponds with the purpose of breeding Juvenile marron for on sale to larger marron growers. Again substantial costs were incurred setting these up as the ponds had to be covered. Again because the soil types, these ponds have to be regularly topped up.



We have since removed the Olive Trees as they were just not viable, but have continued my hobby to breed Juvenile marron as a service to larger marron growers. To breed marron it is a costly exercise, very high aquaculture License fees, power costs for the topping up of the ponds, and high feed costs.

Prior to any of the above work being carried out, a full feasibility study was carried out, with due diligence, at no time was water to be costed into the project.

We assume we would be in the low range of license fees of \$5000 [ which I believe would equate to \$500 per year]. This would make our operation totally unviable and we would have to close down .

My wife & I are both in our seventies and would like to continue our hobby, is it possible to meet a representative from your Dept to discuss the matter relating to our personal situation.

Can we retain the license allocation in the event of future owners wanting to grow avocados or the license be put on hold.

We await your acknowledgement.

Yours truly,

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