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NATIVE VEGETATION CLEARING

1 . Would a strategic approach to clearing, through a strategic purpose permit, benefit you?

Response: unsure
Comments:

2. Is the 'purpose component' reasonable to apply considering the added complexity of assessing this type of clearing permit?

Response: unsure
Comments:

3. Is the proposed fee structure fair and does it adequately reflect differences in the financial capacity of clearing permit applicants?

Response: unsure
Comments:

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

Comments:

Increase costs

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:

The administration of the Water Resource is a public sector role. The decision to allow access to the resource is related to management of the state asset. Water in Agriculture is necessary for the functioning of our society and the costs should be borne by society as a whole, not just the sector providing the services. Water is a state asset and the costs of administering its asset should be borne by the state. A lot of the costs are in identifying, monitoring the assets and general management of the asset. The costs of administering licenses sound extremely exaggerated.

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:

An annual fee similar to water rates in metropolitan areas.

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:

The risk based mechanism sounds like an artificial invention. If the water resource is more fully allocated then there will be more license holders so the fees should be reduced as there are more holders to share the costs.

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

Comments:

Agriculture is a very competitive, very marginal business subject to a lot of pressure from constant cost pressure. It would simply make the sector less viable.

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: annual

Comments

The cost burden would need to be spread to avoid bill shock

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

Comments: