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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:
Here to comment on water fees
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: yes

Comments:

From a farmers perspective we get hit with price increases from every direction. Fuel goes up so freight goes up, The aussie dollar goes down so every farm input goes up. All chemicals, fertilisers and mechanical inputs are imported. But we cant do what every other industry does, pass it on to the consumer. Or next link in the chain. We are at the mercy of the two big chain stores. They will pay as little as they can for any given product. They don't ask what is the break even price. They dont care. We grow the food. In most cases pack the food and put a chainstore label on it. We pay the frieght fo get it to Perth. Then they sell it with a 200+% markup on it.

WE GROW THE FOOD that feeds the nation. We dont get rich doing it. We

turn over a lot of money. But we dont get to keep much. The money goes around. Wages is our biggest input cost. Then there is fertiliser/chemicals from the local CRT. Freight to and from Perth of crates and produce through the local trucking company. Huge water bills from watercorp. Power bills from Synergy, Fuel bills and repair bills. We dont only grow food. We also grow the economy. We help to keep the money mooving and people working.

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:

\$0.00 For all the reasons given above. We already contribute above our weight to the economy and welfare of the nation.

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:

I think agriculture should be excluded from any such fees.

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

Comments:

It will be another cost that will continue to rise over time. Another cost that we cant pass on. Another cost that we have to take from our already meager bottom line. We cant grow the food without water.

We pay to dig the bores, pay to develop them, pay to install the pumps and pipes, pay to run and maintain them, pay for the water meters to record usage, read the meters and report the usage. All cost money. None of which can be passed on.

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 shouldnt be introduced for agricultural purposes.

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

Comments:

Given the choice would you sooner eat Australian grown fruit and vegetables?

Because the main chain stores have shown that they are more than willing to by in cheaper impoted

product. They wont pay more if they can get it from somewhere else cheaper. You push up our cost.

We cant sustain selling bellow cost, so stop production. They simply import and in a heartbeat with no

fanfare what so ever the local industry dies. But rest assured a lot of the locals and local businesses will

go to. Then we can all line up at centerlink together. Im sure then you would see that a little taxpayer

support on fees and licencing would have been well spent.