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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:
unsure

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

Comments:
unsure

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: unsure

Comments:

If the cost for assessing the licence and permit application is reasonable and reflects the true costs of doing so, then yes, I do think it reasonable.

If, however, we are to be slugged with a \$7,000 bill for having only had contact with the department twice in 20 years and never once had a site visit, I think this is completely unreasonable and cannot possibly reflect the true cost.

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:

\$500 over ten years based on previous experience of the amount work involved with administering these licences and permits.

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: unsure

Comments:

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

Comments:

Depends on the cost. We are a low margin business and any additional fees or increase in fees affects us negatively.

*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

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

Comments:

I believe this to be a revenue raising strategy by the department and there appears to be no logical reason to be introducing such fees.