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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:
The Purpose Permit has allowed too much unsustainable clearing "as a matter of course" due to being a permit holder. Purpose permits act more like exemptions for certain organisations. They do not actually evaluate the purpose.
3. Is the proposed fee structure fair and does it adequately reflect differences in the financial capacity of clearing permit applicants?

Response: no
Comments:
Ecological thinning of private native regrowth forests is critical to improving resilience to drought. Dense thickets of Marri-Jarrah regrowth are thirsty stressed and vulnerable, so ecological thinning from below assists the long term regrowth of a strong dominant canopy.
4. What is the likely impact on your business or industry of the proposed clearing fee structure?

Comments:
Ecological thinning from below is less likely to be practised. The long term effects could be catastrophic stand collapse, such as occurred (in northern State forests in 2011) when 16,500 ha collapsed from

drought. In order to prepare dense thickets of private forests, ecological thinning must be affordable to small scale farmers and landowners.

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

Comments:

THank you for the opportunity to comment.

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:

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:

Not sure

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: yes

Comments:

But quantity must also be considered.

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

Comments:

None unless retrospective.

*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: