

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
168 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir / Madam

DISCUSSION PAPER ON COST RECOVERY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

I refer to the discussion paper issued in August 2018 regarding the proposed fee increases for applications to clear native vegetation, and applications submitted under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914.

The Town of Port Hedland supports the proposed increases for the following reasons:

- The proposed increase in fees will increase the departments cost-recovery capabilities, reducing the burden placed on taxpayers; and
- The proposed increase may encourage applicants to further consider the submission of an application mentioned above, reducing the effects of clearing and the taking of water.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Keryn Dempsey, Development and Lands Officer on 08 9158 9321.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Town Planner

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