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RE: Submission for Stock Route Network Management Bill 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to make two recommendations to keep beekeeping on Stock Routes in line with beekeeping conditions outlined in a number of other pieces of legislation.


1. That the permit authorising agency remain centralized and not split into individual local councils.
2. That the price for an apiary site issued on a Stock Route is consistent with the fees and charges currently in place for an apiary site in State Forests and National Parks. Currently there is a large application fee, then the site fee as well as the beekeeper being liable to pay rates on this land. State Forests and National Parks have one set fee, which is indexed annually. We would prefer this system for consistency.

QBA also asks why beekeepers have to pay rates to the local council and also rent to DNRM for Permits to occupy on Stock Routes?

We would also recommend there be provisions to apply to the Department of Natural Resources should an adverse weather event such as severe drought or fires affect the sites in question. For example, this year due to the ongoing severe drought, the apiary site fees for National Parks and State Forests remained at 2015 rates.

We would be happy to discuss further or provide more information should you require it.

Yours sincerely


Robert Dewar
President