

To who it may concern

I would like to comment on the remote area tax concessions and payments productivity commission. I live in White Cliffs NSW 2836, a small town about 90 k from Wilcannia. Over the last 20 plus years I have regularly been working, visiting and now residing permanently (last 8 years) in white cliffs. I have noticed many changes in the central darling shire area , hard times, good times. At present we are in drought. I believe the cost of living has increased dramatically over the last 10 years, in white cliffs for example it is now \$1.90 a litre for petrol, \$8- for a loaf of bread, \$7.50 for 2 litres of milk, \$20 for a 10 litre box of water. Fortunately we have been receiving pallets of boxed or bottled water from a company called dignity water which has been a relief to many. There have been many grants available to help farmers but not much help for townies. The closest larger town to us to go shopping is broken hill about 300k from us. This town's population is decreasing, and with this many of the shops are struggling with many small businesses closing down and also big w . It is a similar story in Wilcannia. Therefore I am of the opinion that the remote area allowance is not keeping up with inflation or the hardships that are part of the life style here now, and should be increased to assist the people and the economy of these areas. I don't know if this commission is still accepting comments, but I only recently found out about it while I was online looking up info re my tax return this year. Maybe the fault being because of the isolation of the town residents were in the dark. I am sure I speak for many of the residents here.

Thank you for allowing me to express an opinion,

Yours Sincerely,

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