

Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments

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Remote area tax concessions and payments are not outdated, they still help with the fact the north is much hotter for longer through the year and you need to run air conditioners to sleep, thus driving you power bills up.

People who live in the north need basic services and not all employees get any more money despite the high rent cost. It just simply costs more to build because it must be cyclone proof, therefore more cost is incurred.

We still need to shop, go to doctors, Post offices, and so on. The cost of fuel is much higher even despite the fact it is shipped in.

It would be lovely if we could all live in Perth, but the reality is that this cannot happen if you want to live like a family together and still earn an income. Not a lot of Iron Ore mines in Perth last time I looked, so they do not need Fixed Plant Fitters in Perth.

But Perth are very happy to collect and take the mining royalties off the top.

How about you divide the state and leave the mining royalties in the North and then we would not need your Remote Tax Concession. Just south of Canavan would be fine.

If anything it should be lifted to eight hundred dollars to help us with the 21% extra living cost, not Bunnings in this town. The TAFE sector did a comparison check years ago and that was the cost difference to live in the North.

We put up with the long hours, the heat and dust to assist WA to grow by royalties and this is the appreciation you get. Bring back Brendon grills at least he came north and lived it and breathed the climate. Even the schools are degraded, and people often have the large cost of boarding schools to cope with.

It is very disappointing in this day and age for people to think life is all roses in the North, life style may be the case for 15% of the people the others are the need to have employment, and most times the good money comes in because people are working 12 hours a day, try getting people to do that in Perth, most only work 8 hours and wonder why they do not get paid the same as people in the North.

The Productivity Commission is showing a true lack of understanding and just how out of touch they are with remote Australia.

Suggest that places such as Darwin are no longer isolated is surely just untrue. Only suggestion like this would come from people who have never experienced the cost and challenges the distance brings including:

- Unreliability flight cost
- Unreliability of freight / and its cost
- Lengthy delivery times of goods
- Poor quality of fresh produce
- Very limited options to travel interstate
- Expensive cost for insurance for cars and house
- Very lengthy driving times to other capital cities
- Isolation from family
- Lack of understanding and support from the people of the large cities in Australia, most of whom live radically different lives with very limited understanding of what is like to live outside a city.

Really just crazy