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Public submission into Zone Tax Offset review for living in the Bush

I live in the city of Perth, but I used to live and work in the Murchison. While I won't benefit directly from an increase in the ZTO my friends and relations still living out there will. Therefore I support this review.

Some examples faced on a day to day basis are such things as:

Long hours in cars to get anywhere; high airfares; fuel prices; food prices; costly housing; high insurance costs; liquor restrictions in some of the very remote regions; poor roads that bash their cars to pieces; high education costs of kids having to be sent away to schools; medical services where the Flying Doctor works day and night; lack of entertainment and access to major events such as concerts, grand finals and the like.

Things may have improved from the days of telegraph lines and the weekly mail truck but the difference between city, town and bush remains – and the cyclones, droughts and floods keep coming.

This review is long overdue.