

NOTICE TO APIARY PERMIT HOLDERS

2020/21 Beekeeping Industry Assistance Package

In recognition of the hardship effect drought and fire have had on the beekeeping industry, the waiving of apiary permit fees has been extended to cover financial year 2020/21.

Fee waivers and refunds will apply to all apiary permits issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF), the Department of Environment and Science (DES) and HQPlantations Pty Ltd, effective during the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. Where permits cover a part of this period, the waiver or refund amount will be determined on a monthly pro-rata basis of the applicable fee. The application of a pro-rata refund/waiver will provide an equitable distribution of assistance to all apiarists holding apiary permits during the financial year 2020/21.

Permit holders will not need to make a special application to receive the waiver or refund.

Apiarists wishing to take out new permits or renew permits which will extend beyond 30 June 2021 will only receive the fee waiver on a monthly pro-rata basis for the months within the current financial year 2020/21. To work out what it will cost to take out a permit from today see Table 1 on back page.

Refunds will be provided on a pro-rata basis. Current or expired Apiary Permits covering any part of the financial year period of 2020/21 will be refunded on a pro-rata basis, where the refund amount (\$) = (Amount paid \$ / duration of permit in months) X Number of months permit valid in financial year 2020/21. Refundable fees will be aggregated by each organisation (DAF, DES and HQPlantation Pty Ltd) for each permittee, with a single payment provided to each permittee by each organisation.

For example, if a permit holder has an existing permit expiring 30 November 2020 and applies to renew their permit for one year, they will receive the following:

- A refund for previous permit fees from 1 July 2020 to 30 November 2020
- A waiver of new permit fees from 1 December 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Please be aware that the extended Beekeeping Industry Assistance Package only applies for the financial year 2020/21.

Schedule of fees applicable between 1/2/2020 and 30/6/2021

Standard Fees (waiver applied) by apiary permit commencement date

		Revised Fee for Apiary Permit (Waiver applied) Applicable by Commencement date (remainder of 2020/21 financial year)								
Period of Permit	Standard fee	1/10/2020 to 31/10/2020	1/11/2020 to 30/11/2020	1/12/2020 to 31/12/2020	1/1/2021 to 31/1/2021	1/2/2021 to 28/2/2021	1/3/2021 to 31/3/2021	1/4/2021 to 30/4/2021	1/5/2021 to 31/5/2021	1/6/2021 to 31/6/2021
Up to six (6) months	\$97.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.31	\$32.62	\$48.93	\$65.23	\$81.54
Up to one (1) year (12 months)	\$146.00	\$36.50	\$48.67	\$60.83	\$73.00	\$85.17	\$97.33	\$109.50	\$121.67	\$133.83
Up to two (2) years (24 months)	\$262.85	\$164.28	\$175.23	\$186.19	\$197.14	\$208.09	\$219.04	\$229.99	\$240.95	\$251.90
Up to three (3) years (36 months)	\$372.50	\$279.38	\$289.72	\$300.07	\$310.42	\$320.76	\$331.11	\$341.46	\$351.81	\$362.15
Up to four (4) years (48 months)	\$467.35	\$379.72	\$389.46	\$399.19	\$408.93	\$418.67	\$428.40	\$438.14	\$447.88	\$457.61
Up to five (5) years (60 months)	\$546.65	\$464.65	\$473.76	\$482.87	\$491.99	\$501.10	\$510.21	\$519.32	\$528.43	\$537.54