Submission template

DISCUSSION PAPER | Apiary sites on public lands: a common policy framework for NSW

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# Discussion topic 1: Allocation of permits

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| Discussion Questions |
| **1a. How should available sites be advertised?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **1b. How long do beekeepers need to inspect a site after it is advertised?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **1c. Are the assessment criteria appropriate? Are the weightings appropriate?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **1d. For beekeepers that haven’t completed formal training, what sort of evidence could they submit to demonstrate they have equivalent practical experience?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **1e. Are ballots the fairest way to determine allocation where more than one applicant returns the same score?** |
| RESPONSE: |

# Discussion topic 2: Renewals

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| Discussion Questions |
| **2a. Do you support the proposal to allow ongoing renewals, provided permit holders meet a ‘fit and proper person test’ at the point of renewal?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **2b. Are there any additional criteria that should be assessed as part of the ‘fit and proper person’ test?** |
| RESPONSE: |

# Discussion topic 3: Information and support

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| Discussion Questions |
| **3a. What are the key areas that you would like to see improvement in, in relation to information and support for apiary sites on public lands?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **3b. Through what channels would you prefer to access general information about apiary sites on public lands (website, email, phone/SMS, face-to-face)?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **3c. Through what channels would you prefer to send and receive notifications (e.g. about hazard reduction burns, biosecurity or other issues) (website, email, phone/SMS)?** |
| RESPONSE: |

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# Discussion topic 4: Promoting improved biosecurity

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| Discussion Questions |
| **4a.What are the most effective mechanisms to educate and communicate with small-scale operators, especially in peri-urban areas, about the biosecurity risks associated with beekeeping?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **4b. How should DPI encourage small scale operators to register their hives?** |
| RESPONSE: |

# Discussion topic 5: Improving access to public lands

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| Discussion Questions |
| **5a. Do you support the idea of a platform for beekeepers interested in site loaning to connect with one another? If so, how likely would you be to use it?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **5b. Do you think it is important for Government to have a role in facilitating site loaning or is it better for the industry to manage this itself?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **5c. What might encourage permit holders to consider loaning their sites when they are not utilising sites themselves (noting that it is not permissible for beekeepers to exchange money in return for site loaning)?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **5d. What sort of incentives could be offered to beekeepers to encourage them to scope out previously unused sites?** |
| RESPONSE: |
| **5e. Are there any other options that could encourage beekeepers to take up these sites?** |
| RESPONSE: |

# Discussion topic 6: Pricing

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| Discussion Questions |
| **6a. Do you have any feedback on the proposed flat pricing approach?** |
| RESPONSE: |

# Other feedback

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| Please provide any further comments here: |
| RESPONSE: |