



# Paroo Shire Council

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Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments  
Productivity Commission  
GPO Box 1428  
Canberra ACT 2601.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Remote Area Tax Concessions and payment Enquiry- Submission by Paroo Shire Council.**

The Productivity Commission is seeking submissions to determine an appropriate approach for the future function of Zone Tax Offset (ZTO), Fringe Benefit Tax (FBT) and Remote Area Allowance (RAA).

Paroo Shire Council is supportive of the Australian Government's review of the Remote Area Tax Concessions & Payments, especially in its terms of reference relating to relevance, business support and improved processes that may be more relevant for delivering on policy objectives and outcomes. This review is timely, since its establishment in 1945 with the original intent of addressing inequality due to a nationwide "exposure to climatic conditions, isolation & high cost of living".

Paroo Shire Council is of the opinion that the zonal tax mechanisms in place do not assist in attracting new employees or investment into our shire area.

About us:

Paroo council is located in south west Queensland and we have a population of 1586 people across 4768839 Hectares of landscape. Our cost of living is much higher than the more populated centres and our medical services are limited.

To improve the attractiveness of Paroo shire, in order to attract and maintain appropriately skilled people, we recommend that the review encompasses consideration for:

- Reduced HECS debt of tertiary qualified residents and potential employees.
- Increased tax concessions for existing business enterprises to maintain staff employment.
- Increase concessions of Private Health Care.



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Should you wish to discuss further any aspects of our submission and possible instruments to aid in supporting improved ZTO, FBT and RAA for the Paroo Shire, please direct your enquiry to CEO, Mr. Oliver Simon.

Yours faithfully

Lindsay Godfrey  
Mayor – Paroo Shire Council



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