



# National Gypsum Miners Association

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## NGMA Wants and Wishes

**Abolish Royalties** - It is costing too much to collect for very small amounts.

**Carbon Credits** - When gypsum is used it increases the carbon sequestration within the soil and plant growth.

**Freight Subsidy** - Freight is usually the largest expense when using gypsum. A 50% freight subsidy would go a long way to increasing usage, and the related environmental benefits.

**Mining Licence Rent** - Rent should be based on the loss of the use of the land, not on increasing taxes.

**Native Vegetation** - The NGMA made it known when the Native Vegetation Regulations were being formulated that they would not work with Gypsum Mines. We never agreed to the Regulations, but we were ignored.

**Exemption From Native Vegetation Requirements** - for every hectare that is mined - 10,000 hectares are improved.

**Mining Licence Applications** - Simplify and reduce the cost of a Mining Licence Application. No new mines are being developed due to too much red tape and very high startup costs, with little or no guarantee of success.

**Greedy Local Government** - Miners should not have to deal with Greedy Local Government.

**To Many Departments Have Similar Inputs** - Various Government Departments are asked for input with a Mining Licence Application, with many (Including a Minister) not even knowing what gypsum is or does.

**Compliance** - Reduce the burden and cost of unnecessary compliance.