

I strongly oppose the proposed price increases for the Central Coast Council LGA, specifically that "all rateable properties will pay for stormwater drainage" should the whole of the Central Coast LGA region be classified as a Drainage Area.

I understand from the Central Coast Council's submission that all properties will be subject to a stormwater drainage charge, the charge differing in value dependant upon whether the property is classified as residential or non-residential. Our region is favoured for it's large rural properties which are quite often dual purpose; used for farming, small business and primary production purposes as well as residences.

Under the current proposal not only will all properties be liable to pay for stormwater drainage even if they do not receive these services. The fee is planned to be based on property size, meaning rural landholders will effectively be footing the bill for the luxuries the suburbians experience. This is preposterous.

I dispute council's claim that everyone should be charged as "everyone benefits from the network." How is it determined how often I use the serviced area? I reside in a rural area to the West of the M1 and have very limited benefit of Council's water, sewerage and stormwater drainage. Properties located in the serviced area should by all means be liable to the charges, properties not located in the serviced area should not have to pay for services they do not receive.

Furthermore, rural properties should not be subjected to additional costs based on property size which would result in a disproportionate amount of the stormwater levy coming from properties which do not benefit from the services.

I urge you to consider the impact of the proposed increase of over \$100 per week to rates payable by the landholders and ratepayers of rural, dual purpose properties and ensure the revised rates are ethical.

Kind regards