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Submission: I live on a 5 acre bush block at Kulnura. I am retired and living here is a lifestyle choice for me and 10 of my 12 neighbours. We all maintain our properties including road frontage and driveway access. Council cleans roadside gullies once every one or two years, this process takes only a few hours. We provide our own water and sewage management and maintain these services. Living on acres requires the purchase and maintenance of heavy duty yard equipment such as ride ons, chainsaws, tractors etc. We also as a community clear the road of fallen debris and prepare for bushfire by clearing hazardous areas. Significant amounts of this work would be Council responsibility.

I manage my own stormwater runoff into the spring that meanders through my property. This spring is fed also by road runoff (am I entitled to a reimbursement for managing Council's stormwater?)

You are asking for a stormwater charge to be put on rates. As a retired sole parent this fee would make living on my property of 30 years financially unviable. I am aware that this fee would put my neighbours in equal financial difficulties.

Please do not implement this fee for stormwater management in rural properties