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Submission: Re: CCC storm water drainage charge

The CCC submission to ipart should be rejected on a number of grounds

1. Extremely poor communication and engagement with those affected.
2. There is a presumption that councils submission for the former Wyong LGA west of the freeway to be designated a drainage area, when it is currently not. The new tax/levy cannot be applied unless this happens.
3. The charges proposed are inequitable, unfair and just another tax/levy where the funds earned will probably never be re-invested back into the valleys. Currently the only thing the council provides to the valley is a road and a poor one at that!
4. Council have not provided town water, sewerage or storm water infrastructure west of the M1 so why should I pay a storm water tax/levy when no service is provided or in my opinion never will be.
5. I live in Yarramalong on a property which is currently zoned farmland as I am a primary producer. The council earlier in the year voted to support agriculture in the shire.. It seems they are not considering this at all. I am also part of the water catchment for the central coast so all run off from my property goes towards the drinking water for those on town water. Why should I be penalised for capturing drinking water. Also, my property is bounded by Wyong Creek. This regularly floods when large amounts of rain falls with our lower levels going under 2m of water. In this situation all runoff is uncontrolled.
6. I can't trust council to keep the proposed new tax/levy fair and equitable going forward. A few years ago IPART approved an additional 6.9% increase in rates for the former Wyong LGA to pay for necessary shire infrastructure. Why then did my rates go up 22% in the first year. I got no warning or satisfactory explanation from council. Seems they believe those in the valleys and on the coast can afford more and they are trying to do this again.

Please reject the CCC submission.