

To whom it may concern,

Our family have farmed this land for 5 generations and this property falls within the former Wyong Council area. Under the new Central Coast Council's proposed pricing framework the new stormwater drainage charge will be \$5,427.81 per annum. The Central Coast Council sent us out a letter dated 8 October 2018 alerting us to this change, before this we had no knowledge of this impending cost. The letter was addressed to "The Resident" which we think is strange because surely it should have been addressed to "The Property Owner".

Table 1 included with the letter mentions that a "low impact rate may be available by customer application to Council." The letter does not set out the criteria for this low impact rate, the process for applying for this low impact rate or how often we would have to apply for this concession. We cannot find any information about this anywhere on the Central Coast Council's website.

If IPART's role is "to protect consumers of regulated services from unreasonable price hikes" then we don't see how it can agree with the Central Coast's proposal to increase stormwater drainage charges. We would like to point out how little the Central coast Council actually provides by way of infrastructure in our district. The roads are not curb and guttered, there is no footpaths, no stormwater pipes or culverts and we do not see this changing anytime soon. Our family have been in the Yarramalong Valley since 1866 and the drainage system is still the same, how this charge can even be considered is beyond belief.

Yours sincerely

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