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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.

Our property is used for small primary production as well as residential. We have on site rainwater tanks and dams for stormwater. We do not use or even have access to any of Councils stormwater drainage system.

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." Sure, 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 \$5,000p.a to our rates as we simply cannot afford this type of increase.