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CENTRAL COAST PLATEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE..... IPART PRESENTATION APRIL 5, 2022 Rural ratepayers are concerned that rate hikes will not translate into actual action. On farms drains and dams which rural ratepayers build and maintain to both mediate storm water and retain surface water, for which we pay a state levy. Farm dams mitigate storm water impact downstream. We are assured that there will be a return to zero cost for farmland post 2026 under CCC plan. What surety do we have that that will happen? Storm water management has always been and will always be in the future a management function of rural landholders to avoid erosion and direct storm water to where it can be utilised and effectively managed. Oversight on expenditure in the water space will be needed to ensure the extra levy costs are used in a productive manner. Will the CCC storm water levy be seen as a plausible way and set a precedent for other regional LGAs in NSW to offset road maintenance costs? If land rates are predominately about funding roads and stormwater levy about stormwater is there communication between the two departments to, for instance, camber road surfaces to maximise effective stormwater run off? Or not using small gravel on a dirt road which is easily carried into a dam. Similarly to the designated Declared Drainage Area in the north, the CCP is also a sandy soil drainage area and should be recognised as such. Despite the above misgivings and concerns, it is recognised that the Central Coast Council is currently in a delicately balanced financial position. It is our view that the levies as set out for the 22/23, 23/24, 24/25 and 25/26 rate years are necessary. [REDACTED] Chairman
Central Coast Plateau Chamber of Commerce