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Cowra Council has constructed and maintains ten stormwater detention basins within the urban area of Cowra. The detention basins have been designed and constructed to address the issue of trunk stormwater drainage stormwater flooding downstream of the detention basins. Four of the detention basins meet the criteria for declared dams. Council has incurred the following costs due to the recent changes in the Dam Safety legislation: a. the studies involved in calculating the consequence category of failure of the 4 detention basins \$196,473 ex GST b. the preparation of Dam Safety Management Plans \$69,600 ex gst to meet the amended legislative requirements c. the annual dam safety inspections and routine maintenance required \$35,198 ex gst Council's stormwater detention basins reduce the potential for flooding of dwellings and allow further residential development without the creation of new stormwater flooding issues or exacerbating existing issues. The proposed additional recurrent costs to be imposed on Council as a declared dam owner are not justified by the minimal role of DSNSW in regulating Cowras detention basins. There is a total of only 28ML of temporary storage in stormwater detention basins as flood mitigation; the detention basins are not permanent storage for irrigation or non-essential purposes.