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Dear IPART I wish to comment on the proposed substantial increase in stormwater charges. I consider the current method of levying stormwater charges to be unjust, and the proposal makes this substantially worse by increasing the levy. I live in an area with no town water, sewer or stormwater facilities. When building my house some years ago, I incurred substantial costs as a result: rainwater tanks, filtration and pumps, a septic system and dispersion, and a stormwater dispersion area. I have to fund maintenance of these myself. Hence, I consider that my household already contributes adequately to the council management of stormwater from households - noting this costs council zero today in my area, as there is no stormwater infrastructure. So the point I take real issue with is the flat stormwater levy. It is completely unfair and unjustified, since not all stormwater facilities are available to all households. I accept that stormwater management includes some elements which are used by all members of the community - for example stormwater from major roads. However, much stormwater infrastructure supports individual houses or small areas, and only benefits those areas. some areas - like mine - do not have access to such infrastructure. So why should households like mine fund it? I suggest that the stormwater levy should be split into two: a component for infrastructure used by all of the community, and a component supporting household stormwater runoff. The latter should be levied on householders who actually have access to this service, which is certainly not all of them. In summary, under the proposal I am being asked to pay substantially more for a service which I do not and cannot receive, and which I also have to fund separately for my own property. If this were other areas of the private sector economy, we might call it "fee for no service". I consider this to be manifestly unjust and object in the strongest terms to it.