

I am an individual and I would prefer my submission to be published anonymously.

My neighbour on Parukala Road, Mangrove Mountain, yesterday copied me in on a letter dated October 8 regarding changes to her Stormwater Drainage Charge.

I am concerned that the council is considering a blanket application of this charge without properly considering specific land use.

There are many different sorts of farming business on Mangrove Mountain - some are on a commercial scale but many are low key and uninvasive.

Your proposal seems to suggest farming businesses face a choice of an astronomical charge or ensuring stormwater is "managed".

We all "manage" stormwater as much as is reasonable because we all have grass and trees and want to harvest what rain we can for dryer times. However, for those of us practicing less invasive farming, we need to let some amount of water flow over and off our land to fill our neighbours' dams and to ensure the flow and health of Popran Creek.

The bottomline is that Mother Nature is the only entity that manages our stormwater and the Central Coast Council has no claim to be charging low impact farm properties such as my neighbour for the job.

Regards

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