

## My Submission

I am a fourth generation farmer and lived on Mangrove Mountain plateau all of my life.

We pay our rates and are charged for services like curb and guttering, storm water sewerage and water and yet council has never supplied one of these things for us on our property.

We purchase rain water tanks, that collect water when it does rain. Our septic is a green waste service.

The water we do get when it does rain fills our dams, waters our paddocks replenishes our crops and what's left after that soaks into our dry earth and then goes on its natural way as it has done since time began.

For council to assume that we would waste such a precious commodity and to let run off of rain destroy our land really means they have no idea what the rural life and farming is about.

There is not one service that Council is attempting to charge us for that is something we use or are offered. Nor do we create storm water.

Council might be better off monitoring the bigger company's that take our natural resources for profit without any respect of our local area. ie irresponsible use of our natural Water resources creating excess Dust and Noxious Weeds.

Maybe council should get out from behind a desk and go see how a farm operates.

Once again it is another slug on farmers to get us to leave the land.