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Submission: Hi,

We are avocado farmers in the Somersby Region of Central Coast Council (CCC), who have been advised of the proposed increase of rates fees for water/sewer/storm water.

As I read the 87 page proposal, it indicates that there would be an increase from our current storm water rate of \$130 approx to \$5470, assessed dur to the size of our land holding being over 4 hectares. This is an increase of some considerable amount!

We ask that you consider the implications of an increase in rates of this proportion to farmers, who have already been impacted by extream weather conditions. I would like consideration given to the comapratively low amount of hardfall area we have here compared to the amount of land holding trees, pasture and dams.

Please consider tthis proposal carefully, we receive no assistance from council when storm water from roads damages our property, nor do we have access to town water or sewer. I understand that we all have to contribute a little to help many and that is what our rates are collected for, but it seems unduely unfair to expect land holders, who receive no benefit otherwise, to contribute such large sums.

I look forward to hearing further from you,

Kind regards

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