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Submission: To Whom it May Concern.

We have received today a letter dated 8th October from Central Coast Council regarding the proposal to introduce to non-residential properties on the Central Coast a stormwater drainage levy with an original response date of the 12th of October 2018.

Firstly, I would like to express my disappointment with the late notice in regards to this letter being sent and received in relation to the closure date. This seem to be a deliberate way of making sure that we cannot send a submission.

As a farmer on the Central Coast Plateau on a large rural property that does not use town water, have curb and guttering nor ANY stormwater impact to the council, I believe that this charge is discriminatory to rural land owners and farmers. It is the rural land holders that the council make the most profit on with their rates as they do not use any of the councils facilities. it seems that this is a financial grab by the council and the rural landholders are the ones that are going to lose out again.

We pay our rates as required, but also have to pay Local Land Council rates, DPI and Water charges to various other NSW Government Authorities.

As a working farm we have dams, drainage and other measures in place that do not place any financial impact to the council at all and why should we have to make a payment to the council for something that we do not use? People that live on properties that have stormwater drainage should be the ones to pay the levy appropriate to their land size not slog farmers and rural land holders to cover the "city folks" and industrial area's stormwater.

Ipart and the Council should be looking at increasing the residential and commercial rate of this fee and leave rural properties that are self sufficient alone.