

Submission to IPART NSW Regarding IPART'S Review of Prices for Central Coast Council from 1 July, 2019

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have a carrle farm on the Central Coast of New South Wales. My property falls within the former Wyong LGA. Under the Central Coast Council's proposed stormwater collection pricing I shall be charged

\$5,427.81 for collecting water for my stock

My farm consists of seven titles which are all taken together for rate purposes and theoretically there would then be one charge of \$5,427.81 for storm water drainage charges

The Central Coast Council has sent out a computerised letter to residents informing them of the impending changes.

If IPART'S role is to protect consumers of regulated services from unreasonable price hikes, I don't see how it can agree with the Central Coast Council's proposal to increase stormwater drainage charges on farmland.

This creates a situation of financial inequality in this rural area and seemingly only to make the Central Coast Council more income to be able to spend on properties in the urban area. I have no town water and have to collect my water for drinking and also no sewerage connection. When the electricity goes out I also have no water, no septic and often no telephone service. Why then should I be penalised for collecting water for my own use and to be able to give my cattle water? I would would also like to point out how little the Central Coast Council actually provides by way of infrastructure in my area. There is no sealed road in front of my property, no stormwater drainage on the side of the roads, no gas, no services except household rubbish, recyclable rubbish but no green waste service as those in urban areas get.

I and my daughter work extremely hard seven days a week and still cannot make a profit, just manage to stay afloat. This additional charge might be what broke the camel's back.

