

18th September, 2018

Central Coast Council Submission to IPART lodged on 7 September 2018

STORMWATER DRAINING PRICES OBJECTION

I strongly object to the proposed stormwater drainage price increase 2019-20.

We are residents of a Non-Residential Primary Production Property (Farmland) that is approximately 170,000 sqm in size and we are in this proposals highest pricing category.

All customers in the Gosford Council Area have always paid a standard price for stormwater services and should continue to do so under the umbrella of the Central Coast Council.

Central Coast Council, states in their letter addressed to us, that their intent is 'to harmonise the prices it charges customers to ensure the costs of delivering water, sewerage and stormwater drainage services are consistent across the Central Coast'.

Proposing to increase our STORMWATER DRAINAGE SERVICES by 4254.79%, is CRIMINAL, not harmonious. Also, by discounting residential, strata/flat and multi-premises, Council has guaranteed, that the majority of land holders on the Central Coast do not object to this proposal. That is a very dirty ploy.

We pay for our own stormwater infrastructure and maintenance (at considerable cost). i.e. drains, dams, swales, water tanks. This property was purchased in 1960 and we have paid a Stormwater Drainage Charge for 58 years.

There is no guarantee that our farm '**MAY BE**' eligible for a Low Impact Rate and then, why should we be the ones SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS to reduce rates at another additional cost to us, when we are so TIME POOR because we are Primary Producers.

Also, for your information, this property receives NO WATER SERVICE and NO SEWERAGE SERVICE, we are forced to collect water in water tanks paid for by us and pay Council \$52.00 per year for an Onsite Sewage Renewal Fee per septic tank, that once again, we have paid for.

In the past 5 year our 'Farmland Ordinary Rate' has increased by 36%. The total of the annual CPI increases over the past 5 years is 9.5%, which corresponds to the inflation calculator on the Reserve Bank of Australia website, which is 10%.