

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are the owners of [REDACTED] which is a 22 acre (9 hectare) property.

We rely on rainwater tanks for our water supply and have a Council approved Septic tank system to handle our sewerage. One part of our property boundary is Jilliby Jilliby Creek which has been a natural creek for thousands of years and is not a man-made or council provided storm water service. Jilliby Jilliby creek has its source in National Park and State Forestry areas and as well as carrying its main storm water runoff from the above it also carries storm water runoff from privately owned farmland upstream from us and in periods of heavy rain causes flooding on our property via the council owned road (Mandalong Road) which has little or no Council supplied storm water drainage other than open ditches. Jilliby Jilliby creek is also an essential water supply source for part of the Central Coast drinking water supply as well as providing a means for storm water runoff in periods of high rainfall to reach the sea at The Entrance via Tuggerah Lake.

The proposal to raise a substantial levy for Water, Sewerage and Storm water management based on the area of the land from ratepayers on acreage is outrageous when they only have rainwater tanks and no mains water supply, have their own septic tanks for treatment of sewerage and no mains sewage and have a natural creek as their only means of storm water management. Central Coast Council have not supplied infrastructure whatsoever for any of these services.

It is rumoured that the levy will more than double our current council rates and in return we do not utilise any of the services for which the levy is being raised and there is little chance that any of the infrastructure for these three services will be provided to owners and ratepayers on acreages in our area now or in the foreseeable future. It is completely immoral to collect a large portion of the levy from ratepayers who do not have these services and will not for some years to come, if at all. These services are provided to other rate payers in suburbs in and around Wyong and Gosford but not to us and other ratepayers who live on acreages.

The levy should be based on "user pays" and Central Coast Council have records of properties with access to mains (town water) and those who have not and also those who have access to mains sewerage and records of those who have registered their Septic, in our case Supertreat, sewerage systems and therefore process their own sewerage environmentally and can easily ascertain those with street frontage and storm water drainage facilities. If those ratepayers are users of one, two or all three of those services they should be eligible to pay a part of the levy in proportion to what accessibility they have to any of the three services but those who have accessibility to none, like us, should not be required to pay any levy whatsoever.

Please treat our submission as Anonymous – our submission can be published but our names should remain anonymous.

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