



7 Oct. 2018

Central Coast Council price review:

Dear Sir / Madame,

I am a property owner / ratepayer living on a "life-style" property of approximately 30 hectares in the Yarramalong Valley. We receive no water or sewerage services so this is not an issue for us. My concerns are about stormwater services. As far as I am aware we have never ever received any stormwater services for our property. The rains fall on our land and flow into the Wyong River. End of story. About 6-8 years ago the Wyong Shire Council tried to impose a stormwater levy on properties west of the freeway. I objected to this levy and refused to pay. A simple case of fees for no service. If someone could explain to me why that situation has changed I would appreciate it. I do not understand why we should be liable for any stormwater charges, regardless of the size of the property. This has all the appearance of a baseless money grab.

On a related issue, to my knowledge we have never been properly notified of these proposed changes. My wife heard about a Council sponsored information session on this issue informally through friends and neighborhood gossip. She attended the meeting and received some printed information relating to the "price submission" which brags about the extent of Council community

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engagement.

This is an issue that directly and significantly affects us and we have received no information or notification by post. I was told a Council representative had put up a hand-written notice in the Yarramalong Shop. Get real!

Regarding Council's previous ill-fated stormwater levy, I engaged in an extended one-way correspondence to Council. They never had to courtesy to even acknowledge my letters. I repeatedly expressed the view that I am happy to pay for services Council provides, but stormwater, especially on a land-sized based formula, is not included amongst them. Whatever their protestations, in my mind this is a classic example of lack of process.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter. I remain,

Sincerely,

Michael Muir.

(acting for my mother-in-law
property owner, Judith Amory
now in age care)

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(please contact by text)