



16/10/18.

Submission to IPART NSW regarding IPART'S review of prices for CE Council from 1 July 2019.

I believe that the time for submissions has been extended a week till 19/10/18. This proposal to increase our rates with another levy is just not reasonable and another attack on the long suffering rural population.

In our case we have had written permission from Council since 1970 to maintain Lombardy road at our expense. We have no choice as this is our only access to our farm, where we grow forage and flowers.

It is hard work and costly. The job has worsened over the years as Council widened a part of the western end of the road and thus closed an easement and directed all the flow of runoff in large volumes to the bottom area (our problem).!!

There is much constant effort needed to maintain rollovers, cart gravel and stones just to keep the road access to our farm and Ironbark Rd passable.

We also have constantly maintained the easement and cleared the drains on Ironbark road at our front gate otherwise we get flooded and the driveway washed out.

For generations we have stored runoff in dams and tanks for farm use. There is a case to enact a duty of care and fair go policy for farm folk. Many

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of us are on old age pensions and these policies to put large unreasonable rate increases is so unfair.

On the same hand the CC Council has recently approved huge numbers of chook sheds (super size) around us. They have massive roof areas and huge volumes of water runs off in our ~~own~~ regular rain events. This has always caused gonging, siltation, creek degradation and environmental destruction on a massive scale. However, CC Council have never ensured that this ~~is~~ wasted rainfall is stored and used. The sheds just use ground water for their operations (using huge volumes) from the ~~already~~ stressed and over allocated local aquifer.

Would not some education of safe drainage practises and proper management of our ~~at~~ local watercourses make more sense than a large rate on the rural farmers in general?

Yours hopefully,

The Pontifex family.