Mangrove Mountain NSW 2250

Dear Sir/ Madam

I wish to lodge an objection to councils proposed increase in the drainage charge for stormwater.

We live in a rural area and run a primary production business over four titles of land zoned RU1 Primary Production. Our current drainage charge is \$124.00 per title. If these new charges are implemented that would mean a \$21,711.00 charge which is totally unviable. I don't think a 4500% increase in fees could be sustained by any small business.

Council mentions in their proposal a lower rate for certain areas but only on application. No details have been provided. We receive no water or sewerage from council. Farmland should be automatically approved for the lower rate, as one can only assume they may want to charge a fee for approval.

We ask you to reject council's application for an increase in fees.

Neil Genge