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Submission: I am a rural property holder in Kulnura which is in the Central Coast Council area. We do not derive an income from the land, rather it is for pleasure. The Council's proposal to increase rates on the basis of storm water management is without any foundation. Council provides no services in relation to water run-off management. Charging for the effect of water running into waterways is a benefit to Council as its own water authority. Where Council does provide services in relation to garbage and septic management they are paid for by current rates and are adequate. In summary, there is no justification for increasing rural property rates on the basis of storm water management.