

Engagement Report

Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer



Between 31 October 2025 and 11 January 2026, Central Coast Council sought community feedback on the proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice.

From 1 July 2026, Council can no longer levy the charge under the Water Management Act.

To enable the transfer of the charge to the rate notice, an application for a Special Variation to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is required. Council needs IPART approval for this change and sought community feedback before applying.

The community could share their feedback by:

- completing the online submission form
- writing to Council via email or post
- providing in-person feedback at a people's panel on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

Council received a total of 1,313 submissions. 1,099 via the online submission form, 193 via email, 5 via post and 16 via the people's panel. Of all submissions, **69%** of respondents do not support the transfer of the charge, while **25%** support the transfer, leaving **6%** of submissions either indicating they were neutral, not sure or just had questions.

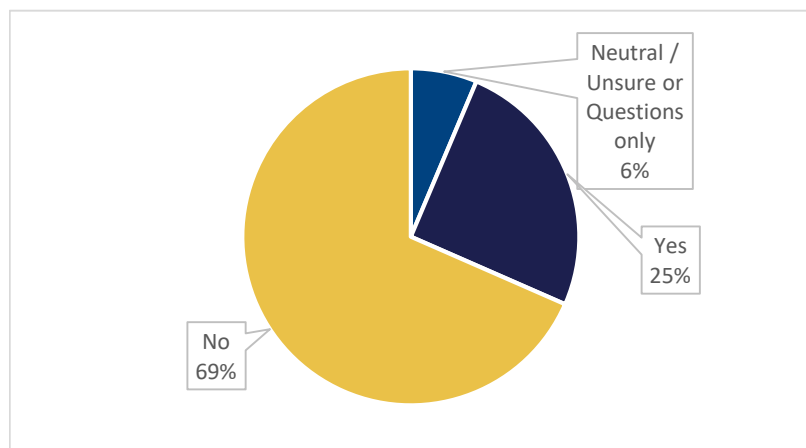


Figure 1: Sentiment for transferring the Drainage Charge from the water bill onto the rate notice, all 1313 response

How you connected



A total of **1,313** submissions received



Website banner with **879,325** web views during period



Targeted letter delivered to **138,249** ratepayers



Your Voice Our Coast **9,160** views



Facebook **26,564** people reached, generating **166** reactions



Instagram **2,050** people reached, generating **44** reactions



LinkedIn **1,075** impressions, generating **11** reactions



Paid Social Media Advertising reaching **43,596** people generating **3,186** landing page views



Coast Connect print – **60,000** readerships



Coast Connect eNews – Delivered to **20,493** people



People's Panel workshop **16** participants

Overall submission sentiment by engagement mechanism

To gain a clearer picture of the varied perspectives expressed through different engagement channels, Figure 2 sets out the percentage breakdown for each mechanism. Notably, the people’s panel demonstrated the highest level of involvement, actively participating in activities to deepen their understanding of the issue and drawing on their local knowledge. This group showed the strongest support for the transfer compared to others. Further detail of the Peoples Panel workshop is provided below.

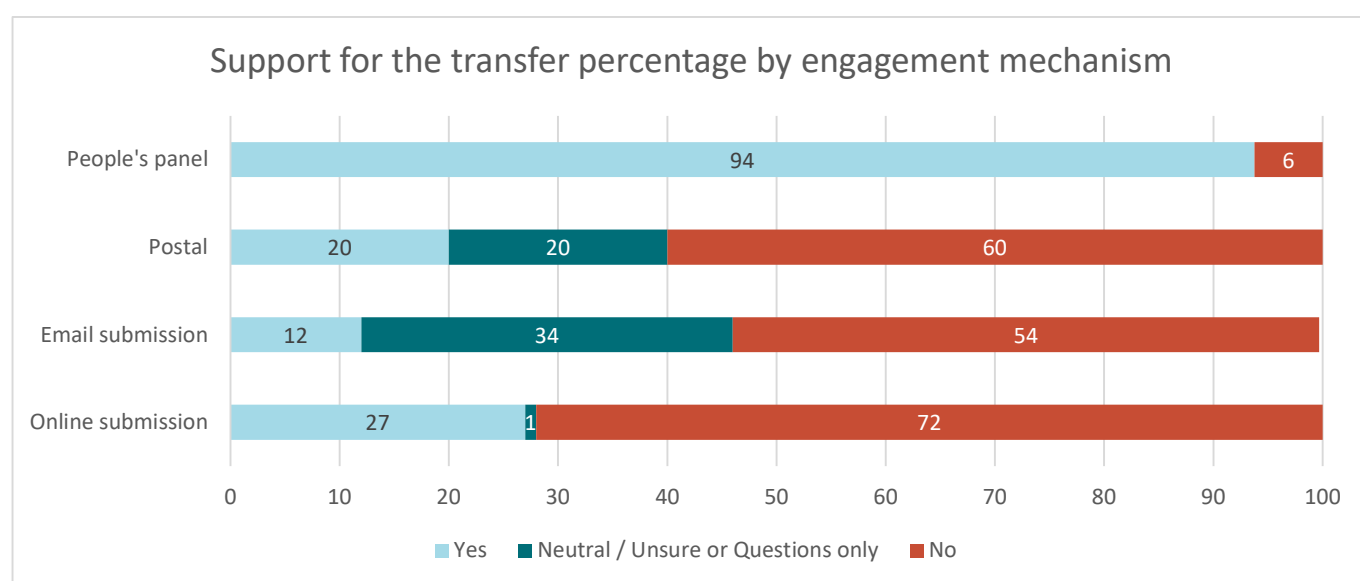
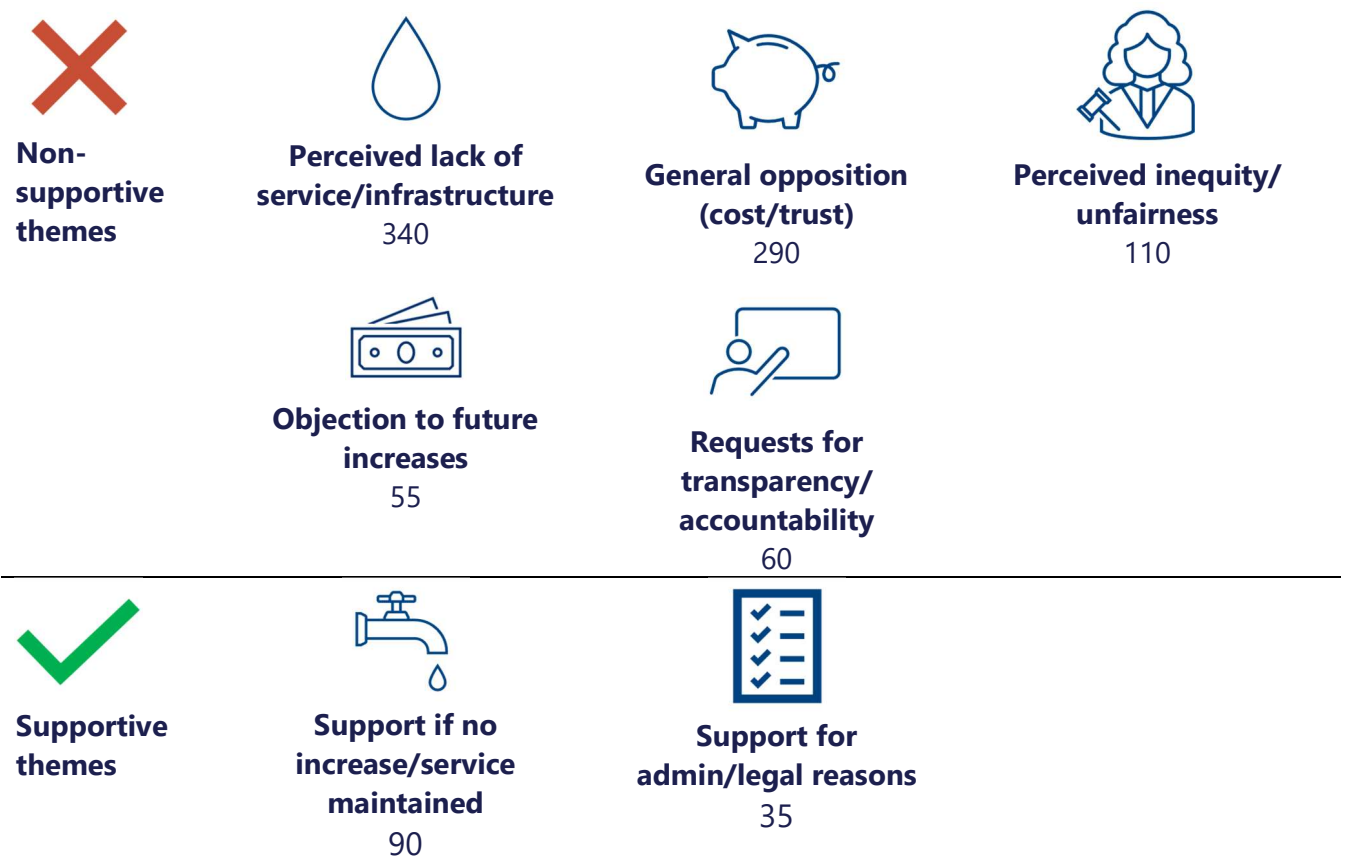


Figure 2: Percentage of respondents who support transferring the drainage charge, categorised by each engagement mechanism (1,313 responses).

Most common sentiment themes

These themes have been analysed from all written responses (n=1094) received from the open text field of the online survey and from all email and postal submissions. From the 1099 online surveys completed 203 did not include a written response.

Numbers indicated below reflect the number of people who explicitly mentioned that theme. Each response may align with more than one theme, so counts are not mutually exclusive.



Written submission engagement outcomes

The below information provides further detail of the feedback themes derived from written submissions, received via online survey, email or post. Appendix 1 in this document provides the verbatim comments from which these themes were derived.

Non-supportive themes

Perceived lack of service or infrastructure

This is the most prominent theme. Many respondents (n=340) object to the transfer of the drainage charge because they do not receive what they perceive to be direct stormwater services or infrastructure at their property. They mention the absence of kerb and guttering (n=70), stormwater drains or any Council-managed drainage system. Some highlight that they have had to install and maintain their own drainage solutions at personal expense, or that their stormwater simply runs off into natural land or private pits. This theme often includes frustration at being charged for a service that is not provided, and a sense of unfairness about paying for infrastructure that benefits other areas but not their own. Council's communications did clarify that kerb and guttering is *not* funded from the Stormwater Drainage Charge, but the responses indicate there is still confusion among the community in this regard.

Example quotes:

- "There's zero stormwater at our residence. Why we're paying for it at all is a joke."
- "We do not have storm water drains in my street... it is absurd that we have to pay for something we don't have!"
- "I have no curb [sic] and guttering or any storm water drainage on my road."
- "All my stormwater runs to my backyard into underground rubble pit/absorption trench."

General opposition to the transfer/charge (cost of living, Council trust)

A large number of respondents (n=290) oppose the transfer or the charge itself due to broader concerns about affordability, rising rate and distrust in Council's financial management. Many mention the high cost of living, recent rate increases or the perception that Council has mismanaged funds in the past. This theme is often expressed as a general 'no' to any new or continued charges, with a sense that residents are being asked to pay more for less, or that Council should find efficiencies rather than increasing costs for ratepayers. These concerns are further influenced by a widespread sense of community distrust in government at all levels, which is increasingly common today, regardless of which level of government is responsible.

Example quotes:

- "Rates are already too high, with rising cost of living, these payments are already difficult to pay."
- "Council already charges exorbitant fees as a result of mismanagement in recent years."
- "We pay enough rates as it is and getting nothing back for it."

Perceived inequity or unfairness

This theme captures responses that focus on the perceived unfairness of the charge's application. Submitters (n=110) note that only some ratepayers are charged, while others who benefit from stormwater infrastructure are not. Others point out that the charge is not applied equitably across the region, or that it entrenches inequality between those who receive services and those who do not. Some also mention that the charge should be spread across all ratepayers if the benefits are community-wide, or that exemptions and criteria are unclear.

Example quotes:

- "...charging only a subset of ratepayers, while confirming that properties not currently paying the charge will remain unaffected. This entrenches inequity between ratepayers who receive the same community-wide benefits."
- "If the charge is used to benefit everyone, why doesn't everyone have to pay the charge?"

Requests for transparency and accountability

Respondents in this theme (n=60) are not necessarily for or against the transfer, but want clear, transparent information about how the funds are used, how the change will affect their bills and what safeguards will be in place to prevent misuse or future increases. They request side-by-side comparisons of current and future charges, annual reporting on stormwater expenditure and clear communication about the criteria for who pays.

Example quotes:

- "I request clear assurance that there will be no net increase to total household charges, including a comparison of current water bill stormwater charges against the proposed rates increase, and confirmation that water bills will be reduced accordingly."
- "Council commits to annual public reporting on drainage expenditure and outcomes."
- "Transparency is critical. I ask that Council ensure this Special Variation is strictly limited to replacing existing stormwater revenue, with clear accountability for how these funds are spent."

Objection to future increases

This theme reflects concerns (n=55) that the transfer will allow Council to increase the charge more easily in the future, or that both rates and water bills will rise, resulting in 'double dipping.' Respondents fear that once the charge is embedded in rates, it will be subject to annual rate increases or special variations, and that there is no guarantee water bills will decrease as a result of the transfer.

Example quotes:

- "Transferring this to the rates notice will just result in the drainage charge constantly increasing along with rates but with no increased service being delivered."
- "The charge was removed from the act for a reason. How about you take the funds from your inflated wages to cover the cost."
- "Whenever bills are split, both parts rise with less scrutiny. Just like rego and green slips."

Supportive themes

Support only if no increase and service maintained

Of the respondents who support the transfer, 90 mentioned their support was under strict conditions: that the total amount paid does not increase and that service levels are maintained or improved. These respondents are not opposed to the administrative change itself but are wary of any hidden

increases or reductions in service. They often request explicit guarantees that water bills will decrease by the same amount as the charge added to rates, and that the funds will be used solely for stormwater purposes.

Example quotes:

- "As long as the overall cost of my Council bills does NOT increase that's OK."
- "If the charge is transferred to our rates, I would expect to see a corresponding decrease in my water rates of the same amount."

Support for administrative reasons or legislative compliance

A smaller group (n=35) supports the transfer as a necessary administrative or legal step, or because it makes sense to combine charges for efficiency. These respondents often reference the legislative change that requires the charge to be moved, or express indifference as long as the total cost does not increase.

Example quotes:

- "If legislation says so, ok."
- "It makes sense to transfer the stormwater drainage charge to the rates notice in light of the upcoming changes."
- "As long as the charge remains the same, I have no objection to the transfer."
- "...it's a no-brainer, because the loss of the \$22mil has negative impacts on other infrastructure, and will do much more damage."

People's panel engagement outcomes

Captivate Consulting supported Council to facilitate an in-person workshop. All participants (n=16) were part of the existing Peoples Panel which had been formed as part of the community consultation approach for Council's recent Water & Sewer pricing submission to IPART. The group has previously participated in several education sessions providing them with a sound knowledge of how Council services and infrastructure including water, sewer and stormwater services are structured, funded and provided to the community by Council. This background positioned the cohort well to understand the implications of council's proposal and the alternative options.

During the workshop, participants were briefed on the legislative change, the financial risk of losing \$22 million in annual revenue and the two options before Council: apply for a Special Variation to transfer the charge to the rate notice or seek to reduce expenditure through the reduction of services or service levels. Participants engaged in two distinct activities designed to build their understanding and then seek their view on an overall recommendation about the proposal.

The first engagement activity asked participants, in small groups, to articulate their understanding of the proposed change, capturing shared insights on large sheets that supported helpful clarification questions and a brief Q&A, ensuring everyone had a consistent baseline before moving forward. Everyone demonstrated a clear understanding of the issue, and their questions focused on financial stability, equity, legislative reasoning and operational impacts.

The second activity asked participants to prioritise councils core services and to consider where they would and wouldn't tolerate service reductions. This activity sparked robust discussion, revealed differing community perspectives, and encouraged participants to consider the trade-offs involved in funding decisions. This exercise revealed strong support for protecting essential services including water and sewer services, road and drainage maintenance, waste services, beach safety, bushfire and flood management.

The People's Panel concluded with a preferred option discussion, where the two groups worked together to reflect on the implications of each funding pathway. This final activity consolidated earlier discussions and ensured participants had the opportunity to advocate for what they believed would deliver the most sustainable outcome for the community.

Both groups reached a clear and consistent conclusion: **strong support for applying for the Special Variation to transfer the stormwater charge to rate notices**. Participants saw this as the fairest and most logical path forward, noting that residents were already paying the charge and that maintaining it through the rate notice would prevent a \$22 million reduction in annual funding and protect essential infrastructure and services from being reduced. While one participant advocated to delay the decision and explore alternative funding options, the majority (n=15 or 94%) agreed that proceeding with the Special Variation was the most responsible and sustainable choice for the community.

Figures 3-5: People's Panel workshop at Central Coast Council, Wyong, 10 December 2025



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

Conclusion

The community engagement process provides Council with clear, well-considered insights into community expectations regarding the proposed transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge. The engagement outcomes highlight the importance of continued transparent communication and accountability to the community.

Appendix 1 | Verbatim submission comments

Method received	Verbatim comments from submissions
Postal	In 1968 I purchased Therefore I started to pay rates until when sold in 2023. A total of 55 years. In 1996 I purchased and continued to pay rates to Council. A total of 29 years. Therefore I have paid rates for a combined years: 55 years Lot 12, 29 years Lot 14 = 84 years. I note that the stormwater drainage charge does not include kerb & gutter which is a road asset. In 2023 we demolished and built a new home Recently I asked for kerb & gutter to front of property, approx. 10 metres. Strangely, I was quoted approx. \$8,000 which I find was excessive. I consider the fact I have paid rates all these years and no infrastructure. I ask Council to reconsider the charge quoted for the years of paying rates
Postal	I, of above address, agree to the changes to stormwater drainage change
Postal	In regards to the proposed stormwater drainage charge transfer: We do not want and oppose the proposed stormwater drainage charge transfer. Thank you.
Postal	I do not have a computer. Re: Your letter of 5/12/25. Very interesting, your letter regarding stormwater drainage. I live opposite the stormwater drains. In 25 years after many phone calls to Council and local members, no-one regarding leaves, blackberries, debris, trees and fallen limbs off trees & logs has ever attended to it. My husband was the one to be Council's gardener, mowed, cleaned and kept it tidy. But nothing gets done now. Why should you be paid by us — it is not good. We do not want this. It is a disgrace to see the streets in such a filthy mess.
Postal	After receiving a notice from council about the transfer of stormwater charge to rates notice I was inspired to address this charge that I consider an absolute rort from council. I have lived on the Woy Woy Peninsula for more than 60 years and have yet to see any improvement as far as stormwater drainage is concerned. Many streets have water lying in them for weeks after heavy rain and very few have curbs and guttering. My driveway is flooded about 6 inches deep with water after heavy rain due to council's incompetent planning to allow building on what was considered a flood-prone area, and were not allowed to build additional dwellings of any description. I now have houses on both sides that take up the whole lot, with no grass and with no drainage. Due to council regulations, the blocks must be filled and raised before building. This has resulted in my driveway flooding due to their runoff — so much for drainage. Most of Woy Woy Peninsula should not be charged anything for drainage as we have none. Some people would see this as fraud, paying for a service they don't receive. If council needs funds, try charging fees to the owners of properties such as Woy

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	Woy Leagues Club site, Masonic Hall Woy Woy, Huckleberry Finn site, and many more across the coast, as they are an absolute eyesore, who let these buildings sit for years to deteriorate and possibly collapse. Force them to either demolish or refurbish these sites or receive heavy fines. I understand some of these sites are heritage-listed, but if they were to collapse and someone is injured, council will be liable and sued. It would be a shame to see some of these buildings collapse with such history attached. I have been informed the CEO of Central Coast Council receives \$562,000 yearly — absolutely ridiculous — and you wonder why council is broke, and then you expect ratepayers to cover this. WAKE UP, stop punishing these people who are already struggling. It will get to a point where ratepayers, especially pensioners, cannot afford to pay these charges, and council in its wisdom will try to cut these people's services. See what kind of attention council will receive, especially your CEO, from all parts of the country. A very disgruntled ratepayer, should hang your heads in shame. Please see this get to the right people.
Online Submission	Theres zero stormwater at our residence. Why were paying for it at all is a joke. Every other house under other councils I've lived within has had proper stormwater so I was happy to pay for it. But not under CCC. Make it make sense.
Online Submission	I think council needs to find better ways to manage its money. Also, my stormwater runs into a combination of retention tanks, a rainwater tank, and a creek because council don't even have any stormwater management for my property/street, so I had to pay tens of thousands of dollars to manage it myself, so what exactly am I even paying for? We don't have decent roads, no gutters, no footpaths on my street, so again, what am I paying for? Council does not deserve any more of my hard earned money to deliver more of the nothing it currently delivers in my area. Central Coast Council is just a money pit of negative returns and you cannot have more of my money until you can provide quality roads, footpaths, gutters and stormwater solutions in my area. You should be ashamed sending this letter to residences who don't have access to the very services you are trying to charge more money for.
Online Submission	Council get enough rate money to manage this already.
Online Submission	I object. Council's own documents state that stormwater infrastructure protects public assets, supports roads and public land, safeguards the environment, and benefits the entire community. It is an integrated, council-wide system comparable to kerb and gutter infrastructure, which is funded through general rates because it is a shared responsibility. Despite this, the proposal continues to fund stormwater infrastructure by charging only a subset of ratepayers, while confirming that properties not currently paying the charge will remain unaffected. This entrenches inequity between ratepayers who receive the same community-wide benefits. The removal of the charge from the water bill under the Water Management Act demonstrates that its current structure is no longer appropriate. Transferring it to the rate notice does not address this flaw; it simply relocates it. Any additional stormwater funding should be raised equitably through general rates, not via a targeted charge.

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Online Submission	How the charge is levied doesn't really make any difference to me. What would make a difference is having stormwater drainage in our street and seeing the drains at Ettalong foreshore cleared. When it rains the road outside my house fills up at the gutter. If we have to pay a fee for stormwater I would like to see some valued return and not need to walk around the giant puddle to get into my car..
Online Submission	1. Even if the charge was still existing on the water rates everyone in the community should be charged 2. Our council rates have increased rather substantially over the past few years. This increase should more than cover a \$36 quarterly drainage charge
Online Submission	Given the timing of the notice (Christmas break), on behalf of St Huberts Island Residents Association I am requesting to extend the submission period by 2 weeks. The notice was missed by many residents and we are requesting this time to carefully look into this matter. Thank you for your consideration.
Online Submission	I disagree with the transfer as this fee has been charged and in my opinion I've seen little progress in storm water systems around the coast. My property experience is when it rains my hole in the ground at the front of my property overflows and backs up my gutters and also erodes the earth on the front of the property, also get water flowing from next street due to their poor drainage. Why are we paying a fee for little or no progress on this infrastructure . I would be happy to pay the fee if we could see streets upgraded residential storm water projects on the northern end of the coast even if my street wasnt upgraded.
Online Submission	I do not support the proposal for two reasons It is only allowing one government department to move costs to another department. When we moved to the Central Coast 12 years ago, our water bill was included in our Council rates. The bill was about \$750 a quarter. Now it is divided into 2 bills and Council is \$1230 per quarter and water nearly \$400. The IPART is a "toothless tiger" and it's members benefit from what they approve.. My second reason is that the CC Council does practically nothing for Patonga to do with stormwater guttering. They duck for cover whenever asked to do a simple repair to our inadequate surface drainage. The whole matter needs much clearer definition of what "could occur" with all the charges and fees before I could support the proposal.
Online Submission	After reading the FAQs included in the Council Notice I checked the map of existing declared drainage areas where St Huberts Island is noted in grey. Is this due to the fact that Council collects an administration fee from all canal owners which was placed into a Restricted Fund? This fund was to be used primarily for the maintenance of the canals and drainage systems unique to the Island. In the recently arranged four year plan for island maintenance, costs of drainage are to be taken from the Restricted Funds. However, the residents also pay for the storm water charge - the subject of this submission. I would therefore like clarification that as storm water maintenance is planned to be covered by the restricted funds, any additional charge be removed from my rates.

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Online Submission	I received the letter just prior to Christmas and was surprised by the reference to "maintenance." My property is adjacent to a major water culvert that runs under Wyong Road and discharges into Tuggerah Lakes, a distance of approximately 200 metres. If any location could reasonably be used as an example of what council maintenance entails, this would be it. In the 12 months I have lived at this property the culvert has been mown or cleared of debris zero times. The rubbish trap at the outlet is frequently full of litter, and there appears to be no regular inspection or maintenance program in place. Instead, council relies on residents to report issues when they arise. There are no apparent routine checks or preventative works undertaken. This has already led to minor localised flooding twice. I cannot support the continuation of the excessive fees I am paying for this maintenance when I see zero works carried out.
Online Submission	we have only now had Council performing general maintenance on our stormwater system, after 50 years of charging us for the service.
Online Submission	We receive nothing for this charge
Online Submission	I understand that amendments to the Water Management Act will prevent Council from levying stormwater charges on water bills after 30 June 2026, and that stormwater services must continue to be funded through another lawful mechanism. My concern is not with the change in legislation, but with the potential financial impact on residents. Council has stated this is a transfer of costs rather than an increase. I request clear assurance that there will be no net increase to total household charges, including a comparison of current water bill stormwater charges against the proposed rates increase, and confirmation that water bills will be reduced accordingly. Given recent increases to rates and utility costs, transparency is critical. I ask that Council ensure this Special Variation is strictly limited to replacing existing stormwater revenue, with clear accountability for how these funds are spent. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Online Submission	I am currently charged a stormwater drainage charge, but am not connected to the stormwater system. I do not support this change because I am already being charged for a service we don't receive. This I believe is not fair. Changing it's title won't improve anything in my situation or community.
Online Submission	No, we do not approve of the proposal to increase our rate charges for services as rural residents that we do not receive. The council does not provide any storm water services to our properties and we maintain, mow and clean the edge of our road including our culvert drive crossing. The council does mow the edge of the road once a year, but as stated above that includes in curb and gutters as per our existing rates package. When the council approached IPART during the consultation to applied a storm water charge, we went to the consultative meeting at Mingara to express our objection to the storm water charges at that time. We have had no increase or any storm water services since that meeting but have only increased charges for non existent services. Can the council provide any instances in the previous billing period to IPART to justify storm water charges to the councils rural residents, and if not commencement with charges they should be stopped as an unjust impost on us.

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Online Submission	Council have not provided any stormwater drainage maintenance on the island since its inception in the 1970's. Furthermore island residents have contributed to a specific restricted fund since 2017, in which \$749k has been raised for the purpose of island maintenance. It was only recently that council have agreed to a 4yr recurrent maintenance plan for stormwater and canal maintenance. Also, council has ceased the restricted funds and moved it into a general fund in 2024 without any communication with island residents. An undermining move by the CCC. We have been paying for works never done via our water bills and now you want us to continue to pay for something that's never previously been maintained by moving a charge to our rates. I absolutely disagree with this motion why should we pay twice for something that has never taken place. We have already paid for this service via the restricted funds.
Online Submission	I am not opposed to the proposal and I acknowledge legislative changes prevent Council from continuing to levy this charge under the Water Management Act 2000. However, I seek assurance this proposal will not create adverse impacts for ratepayers over the medium to long term. Before proceeding to IPART, I request Council clearly address the following: 1.The drainage charge remains a separate line item on rate notices to demonstrate ongoing revenue neutrality. 2.Drainage revenue is quarantined for stormwater services only, consistent with efficient and cost-reflective service delivery. 3.Council commits to annual public reporting on drainage expenditure and outcomes. 4.Safeguards exist to ensure the transfer does not become a baseline for future rate increases or unrelated Special Variations. 5.The charge is supported by robust asset data and long-term financial planning, ensuring value for money and intergenerational equity.
Online Submission	I don't see why only some people are paying this fee. I have two water tanks on my property and all my water is being caught and channelled through my washing machine and toilet cistern. I would like to know if I am entitled to an exemption for this fee
Online Submission	I don't support the proposed transfer of the drainage charge from my water bill to my rate notice. There's not enough information regarding the changes to the legislation. Why Council can no longer apply this charge under the water management act. Also no information regarding who is exempt from the storm water charge. As well it seems a hefty bill for people with larger properties. All families are under enough pressure with inflation.
Online Submission	I have no issue with the transfer of charges as long as the deduction from the water bill matches the increase in rates
Online Submission	I currently pay for drainage that Council doesn't provide. Neighbours storm water builds up at the front of my property and doesn't flow away.
Online Submission	We have been paying these extra charges for decades and our mountain community has been neglected. I can't agree that this is of any benefit other than another outrageous bill.
Online Submission	We bought in 1988 \$75000, We are Pensioners . our increase CPI is about 2-2.5% a year, current inflation is about 4%, so any increase to any charge is always above our money in, 2025 Council Rates , Power, 12%, House Insurance 15% , all things we have to have , but question where do we get the difference from ? Not all people in Killcare are wealthy , so any Council increase has to be held to 4% maximum

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Online Submission	Lately the rates have been increasing well beyond inflation and i note the council is seeking to keep rates rising well beyond the cap into the future. No doubt this would mean the stormwater charges would also increase at a rate higher than inflation. I can see no justification for this, especially as my property, along with a lot of others, has NO ACTUAL STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE. What are we paying for?? There's no curb and guttering, there's no stormwater connection to the property. When i enquired about subdivision i was told too bad, no stormwater infrastructure so it couldn't be done without us arranging our own stormwater easement through at least 3 properties. Once again, what are we paying for? Seems like a total scam. Now you want to fold it into the rates and then increase it year on year. No.
Online Submission	As per previous objection to Water Chargers and adjudicators response."Having reviewed the contour plan it is apparent that the run-off water would flow from the objector land directly into Lake Macquarie." We thoroughly object to the transfer of this charge as it's not applicable and should not be charged through water bill or rates.
Online Submission	I don't see why I have to pay this Charge as I have no stormwater infrastructure on my block to drain my stormwater to. No easement, stormwater pits or any other discharge point. My land also does not slope toward the street. All my stormwater runs to my backyard into underground rubble pit/absorption trench. I'd be more than happy to contribute for this bill if I had access to any of the above or even kerb and gutter which I could properly discharge downpipes to (aware you've mentioned this is under the road asset but it certainly applies to stormwater drainage). The rates and water bills are dear enough without paying a levy for a service I don't have. Thoughts ?
Online Submission	We are completely reliant on rainwater and tanks here, we have no water connection at Bar Point so I have always wondered why we pay this water charge?
Online Submission	No.
Online Submission	Im a single mother and dont get a discount on rates this money would be beneficial to me if kept in my pocket
Online Submission	I have one question, will the water notice on our rates stay at the same sum of money an stop increasing
Online Submission	It is simply a carefully worded CCC con disguised with gloss and polish. Regardless the poor quality of household supply water will remain. Any mention of the word Variation by this council only means an increase to the rate payer.
Online Submission	No issue.
Online Submission	Council does not need to make a Special Variation application to transfer the charge ,as it has sufficient funds through the rates that are already paid by us the rate payers. The onus is on Central Coast Council to manage and use these monies efficiently as well as effectively to benefit the Central Coast and its rate payers. Also those renting properties on the Central Coast will not be subject to this charge as they don't pay rates but may have increased rents as their landlords who live on the Central Coast will have an extra charge on each property. As stated in the Council letter dated 5/12/25, Council may lose \$22 million in funding but on the other hand,

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	ratepayers would save \$22 million which in these times is desperately needed for essential basics. Council first needs to curb and gutter those areas of the coast, that lack this fundamental street and road structure which at present is not provided to many of its older suburbs rather than add stormwater charges unfairly.
Online Submission	I don't believe the funds for stormwater currently paid with the rates are allocated for it. Whenever it rains heavily the end of street always floods due to stormwater and the problem has never been truly fixed. Council should foot the bill and not us as it's council's responsibility to deal with it .Also when charges are changed as when sewer changed on water account the rates didn't decrease but have only increased.Rate payers have been penalised long enough by the bad management of council.
Online Submission	I don't agree.
Online Submission	I think it would be better managed . In any case it is not costing us any more money.
Online Submission	Again the Councils simple solution is to keep charging or to put rates up. I have lived here 40 years and over and over the easy solution is to ask for more money. In private business you have to live within means. Get over the Council Amalgamation years ago and deliver the efficiencies and savings any normal business would have to deliver after a take over / amalgamation. You have a CEO being paid more than NSW Premier so get him to deliver or hire a junior that just goes to IPART Special Variation when the going gets tough. The challenge that you all get paid to address is to deliver services and some small reduction in the income (\$22m is not that much in your overall budget) has to be found in savings/efficiency gains. We already have to live with an extended special rate levy for another 7 years. How can you run like this?? In all my years running companies I have never seen anyone getting away without taking action. That is what a good Council would do.
Online Submission	We do not have curb and guttering in my street. How does that relate to us. We pay it every year. Feels like we are paying for a service that is not relevant to us.
Online Submission	It does not really matter to me where the stormwater drainage charge is levied, however, if the charge is transferred to our rates, I would expect to see a corresponding decrease in my water rates of the same amount. I would also like to point out that whilst I am happy to pay this, irrespective of where the charge is levied, that very little money is spent on stormwater drainage maintenance in Davistown, in fact I have never seen any works done in my time living here. After heavy downpours of rain, water sits in streets gutters for weeks, which tends to provide a great breeding ground for mosquitos etc.
Online Submission	Ok
Online Submission	We never get the services we pay for anyway
Online Submission	I live in an area with very poor storm water drainage. Our road floods at two different causeways, we have even had a man die driving through one of these causeways and we have asked council to improve our road and causeways and have been provided with no solutions or dates on when things will improve so I do not want to pay a charge for something I will never benefit from because I live in an area with low population density.

Method received	Verbatim comments from submissions
Online Submission	We already pay more for less services due to councils previous mismanagement of funds. Water rates were moved to a separate bill which saw an increase in cost to ratepayers. I believe the same will occur if stormwater is moved over
Online Submission	Council in my opinion will manage the funds better in handling the matter in areas
Online Submission	I do not feel I should have to pay for stormwater drainage at all
Online Submission	If the charge is used to benefit everyone, why doesn't everyone have to pay the charge? We have lived here almost 11 years and absolutely no maintenance has been done to the drain that runs through our, and our neighbours property. This is despite the fact that we lodged an enquiry/complaint around 5+ years ago when we could hear water running and our land started to sink. Someone came to look and we were told they'd be back. We have holes and broken stairs at the side of our property, numerous cracks, plus depressions in our back lawn. Then we were told that we were "on the list and we will get to you eventually". When nothing was done and we contacted Council again, we were told to "fix it yourselves and send us the bill". Why are we paying for a service that doesn't exist? How long before our house collapses into a huge hole? Road maintenance is a joke. Take a quick trip around Charmhaven shops and count the potholes!
Online Submission	As a renter I often observe people with leaf blowers pushing leaf litter, rubbish and other debris into gutters or onto roadways. Individual property owners (house or apartment) or stratas should be responsible for appropriate waste disposal, it's therefore more reasonable to charge drainage with rates.
Online Submission	I am an aged pensioner and despite the measly discount I get, the water rates and property rates are already atrociously priced and impacting my wife and my lifestyle.
Online Submission	Storm water should stay on the water bill. It has nothing to do with rates. I'm sure there's a money grab somewhere for central coast council wanting to do this. Us rate payers are still paying for the millions lost by this poorly run council.
Online Submission	I currently pay close to \$8000 rates to the Council . The current rates receives should be able to cover the infrastructure costs of the Council. Please note that Patonga Village receives very little infrastructure expenditure and has minimal stormwater drainage infrastructure. A continuation of payment of a charge or special rate for stormwater is useless and is not supported.
Online Submission	I don't understand why the transfer, Our council rates are already very expensive and that will increase our rates, which I am not in favour of paying more. Can we have a rate reduction please?
Online Submission	Irrespective of where the charge is placed, I object to paying it for the following reason: Council fails to maintain the roadside stormwater drainage system adjacent to my property. This is despite several requests that were made over two years ago. As a result, stormwater from continually drains onto my property. The maintenance required would be relatively quick and easy, but it fails to happen. I do not feel I should have to pay for council to collect my stormwater when I am in fact collecting theirs.
Online Submission	If it no longer is able to appear on Water bill, it needs to be paid elsewhere to safeguard our environment from storm water damage. Putting it on the rates notice

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	ensures continuation of much need storm water repair works for our very low elevation in Woy Woy (flood prone land).
Online Submission	Went through this process with Deferred matter and council still stuffed up the property zoning even though they agreed with my response. I suggest the same will occur with this matter
Online Submission	Cost of living
Online Submission	I believe that the reason this charge is to be removed is because it shouldn't be being charged at present. I also believe that if the charges aren't transferred our rates will go up accordingly regardless, but there's no guarantee been provided that rates would not increase drastically on top of these charges being transferred, so as I don't have enough information I can't support this.
Online Submission	Insufficient information has been provided. The state government made changes to the legislation, what was the purpose of this change and what was the expectation for local government to continue to provide this service? How will the ongoing price of this charge be determined? I don't mind paying for the service, but I want to know that the fee won't increase at an unfair rate once implemented and if the change was intended as cost of living relief, adding it back in elsewhere would be counter intuitive.
Online Submission	This stormwater levy is a blatant ripoff My actual water use is only approximately 15 percent of my water bill the rest of my water account is for over the top charges which should be cut by a half
Online Submission	No, rates are currently too high cost of living has made a massive impact on my family, my storm water doesn't even go to the street yet I have to pay the levy, on top my street still floods! Veron Rd Connex and Shepard roads Plus the road is that damaged from the storm water that I had a blown tire. Why would I support this when I've been paying for years, and nothing changed while other suburbs thrive?
Online Submission	How can we have insight in expenditure of our drainage charges?
Online Submission	No I don't support the proposed transfer
Online Submission	Makes no difference if council does not intend to increase the charges.
Online Submission	Because of Councils ability to increase charges yearly, this will mean that we will eventually pay more
Online Submission	Nope!
Online Submission	It is a water related charge
Online Submission	In my opinion it is charge related to water usage
Online Submission	I do not support Council's proposal to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from water bills to rates notices. This change does not provide a clear benefit to ratepayers. For many households, this proposal may also place additional pressure on already rising council rates, particularly during a time when cost of living pressures are significant.

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Online Submission	It should not be transferred to rates. No one wants that additional cost on our rates.
Online Submission	Rates in this area are disproportionate to the quality of services enjoyed by constituents due to the council's poor management and policy.
Online Submission	I do NOT support this! The council did not care and did nothing to repair a damaged storm water system in my street which was located on council land and was damaged through lack of care for the council planted trees on council land. They were notified on numerous occasions and instead of providing an appropriate solution, they said that we need to fix it ourselves - TO BE CLEAR, they wanted us, property owners, to fix the council storm water drainage issues located on council land. So clearly the money set aside for these fixes was not being used as such so is unnecessary. As a result, houses on the street were damaged but council doesn't care and takes zero responsibility. If they're not going to be fixing storm water drainage issues, then they don't need to be funded for it.
Online Submission	When the storm water system was damaged on council land by a council owned tree, the council didnt bother to repair or rectify which led to my land and neighbouring lands veing damaged. The councils attitude was "you fix it!"
Online Submission	Council should pick up the gap as it should find savings
Online Submission	Council should pick up the gap and find savings
Online Submission	Council should find savings within to make up gap
Online Submission	Council should find savings within to manage the gap
Online Submission	If is needed it's ok
Online Submission	I do not have storm water drains in my street in Mannering Park it is absurd that we have to pay for something we don't have! Either on water or land rates.
Online Submission	Having researched online as to why the NSW legislation occurred and reading the feedback from all our local parliamentarians across the political spectrum I understand the history and the need. It would have been useful if CCC has provided a summary of this information in the mailed paper letter.
Online Submission	It would cost me more.
Online Submission	Information available from the notice of the proposed transfer and what is available on Council's website does not strictly match and raises concerns about Council's true intent. The transfer of a charge from one notice to another is an administrative matter and should not in any way impact the amount of money Council may collect in relation to Stormwater drainage charges. I have seen nothing in the legislation or on any government website that would indicate why Council holds this view, and disagree it would have any impact. I am, however, concerned that a move from one notice to another with a change in name from "Stormwater Drainage" (a specialised type of drainage focused solely on rainwater) to simply "Drainage," which has a much broader definition, reduces transparency about what specifically is being covered in this charge. I believe it provides scope in the future for Council to request increases to rates to fund works that Council is currently claiming will not be included.

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Online Submission	Just wondering i have not seen any cleaning in our canals so why pay
Online Submission	I would like to object to this.
Online Submission	Rates are already too high, with rising cost of living, these payments are already difficult to pay. Pull that charge out of existing council services, we pay enough in rates.
Online Submission	I am not sure exactly what this means for my rates. Does this mean that I will no longer have a water bill? You need to explain this to those who do not get water supplied. Previously the stormwater drainage was on my rates bill and I did not receive a water bill. If this charge for water stops and I only have this stormwater drainage charge returned to my rates bill I will support this change
Online Submission	Council already charges exorbitant fees as a result of mismanagement in recent years. This feels like a chance for council to keep charging and increasing fees
Online Submission	Everything costs too much and the central coast council have wasted too much money and made it everyone else's problem. Do better
Online Submission	We are one of the most expensive rates and water rates in the country. Council is yet again clearly mismanaging money. Seems nothing has improved since there vote in. The people are tired of increasing fees
Online Submission	My concern is that if this levy gets removed from the water rates does that, in time, allow another levy to be added to the water rates.
Online Submission	I don't support this as council hasn't shown efficient use of funds and resources so far and this is cost shifting according to IPART. I would like to see council allocate funds and resources more efficiently first.
Online Submission	Given that you have sent us a letter I assume we pay the levy. We have lived in Crown Rd Umina Beach for almost 40 years. We have no kerb and guttering, the road is full of potholes and you have been unsuccessfully attempting to fill the puddle at the bottom of our driveway for all of that 40 years. We already pay enough rates for the below average service you allegedly provide. We do not support transferring the drainage charge.
Online Submission	Council should not use rates mechanism to mask operational inefficiency. You have failed to demonstrate good stewardship of funds and resources taken in the past and I believe you are getting enough of my money as it is.
Online Submission	I appreciate that it costs council a significant amount of time and money to manage the stormwater across the coast however there is little to no evidence of any works being done in relation to this within the matcham and Holgate valleys other than clean up works after flood events. Forward planning and implementation of infrastructure to better manage stormwater prior to flooding events would be much appreciated by the community.
Online Submission	I think it's a great idea, it would be easier to implement than cutting services elsewhere on the coast.
Online Submission	Our rates are already expensive due to council not being able to maintain expenses. We already have an increase on our rates due to previous council members sending the central coast broke and now all the house holds have to pay this.
Online Submission	It's not fair that some have to pay the drainage cost while others don't have any cost at all. Rates are already costly without adding another charge. The rates have a charge for domestic waste management and wastewater service and usage are also

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	charged on the water bill. We are paying 3 charges for wastewater(sewer) why would we want the drainage charge added to the rates, too much double dipping already.
Online Submission	Means more money charged over time yearly for little to no service.
Online Submission	I do not see any works or maintenance completed to do with storm water drainage in my street and suburb at all there is no service provided at all
Online Submission	Council needs to be better ! Council was broke and the fix was for the rate payer to pay a huge increase, from memory it was a 17% increase. The road draining installed in my property locations had created ongoing issues to the storm water drain off my property, therefore the money isn't spent well.
Online Submission	I believe water and sewerage belong together and we all know where we stand with our bills and this will confuse a lot of people regarding the real costs for their usage. Leave well enough alone Thankyou.
Online Submission	I believe the council doesn't do a good job of our drainage or other areas of need, if legislators have said they can no longer put this charge on the water bill it seems clear that legislation doesn't agree with this. Council rates continue to rise with very little improvement of upkeep in my area. I have little faith in the council
Online Submission	Council does NOTHING in my street except mow lakeside. Road conditions are appalling. No curb and gutter, no decent reserve fencing, NOTHING! I don't feel anything warrants more charges to be added to rates. Ratepayers are struggling to pay the cost of rates as it is. I'm a 79 year old pensioner and I am keeping my head above water, just, atm. The way the CC has gone downhill in recent years is disheartening. The place looks so run down and neglected. If I thought paying more to Council might help improve matters perhaps my thinking may be different but, alas, I fear not. So my answer is a clear NO!!!!
Online Submission	The charge was not allowed to be included on water bill and the transfer of the fee to rates bill will inevitably lead to an increase in charges for next to no increase in services. This stormwater drainage charge was never on my water bill at my previous location in Glenning Valley.
Online Submission	I believe our council is so badly mismanaged and is wasting so much money that until that is rectified I will not agree to this charge. Once council, including wages, is held publicly audited and held accountable and has their spend under control and is held accountable to the people who pay rates here then I would reconsider.
Online Submission	If it is cheaper to administer the stormwater rate together with Council rates, that is fine by me. What I do not agree to is Council applying to I Part to increase water rates (I presume that also applies to stormwater). My reason for this is that the maintenance of the stormwater drains in the Mountain Districts is terrible. We have a stormwater drain opposite our property that is blocked. I have contacted Council on numerous occasions over the last couple of years, but nothing has been done! Not happy and don't want an increase.
Online Submission	We are in the original part of Gwandalan where no stormwater management is provided by council. All properties in our street has rainwater runoff from buildings and the ground go to the street below through private pipes where it runs down the road edge no open drain, stormwater catchment grates or pipes exist. Also all rainwater from the houses above run onto the road above our house and then runs through our property to the street below. We don't believe we should be paying for

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	services not provided by council. If charges are going to be put on the rates it should only be charged to properties that discharge water into a stormwater system provided and maintained by council
Online Submission	Storm water drainage is key to the upkeep of my property and I am in support of keeping this service
Online Submission	Our water is terrible here! Often times it comes out of the tap brown and is not safe to drink. The condition of our water is absolutely appalling and if anything, charges should come down.
Online Submission	Extra charges seem unreasonable when the quality of the water is so terrible. Many times it comes out of the tap brown and is not safe to drink. If anything, charges should come down to reflect the terrible condition of our water
Online Submission	I see no reason to change it. In the long run it will end up costing rate payers more So no
Online Submission	Our street does not have curb and gutter. When we renovated we were required to place a stormwater dispersal pit in our yard, at significant cost, due to the council not providing such facilities. Our rates and very high already and the return is very poor.
Online Submission	I would suggest you make some other cuts in the council to cover this, once again Rate payers are being overcharged for no return. Maybe look at overheads!
Online Submission	I do not support this transfer change as the council does not provide me with footpaths, curb and channel, there is ongoing issues with potholes, I was overcharged for 2 lots of service charges for years on my water account and when challenged the account was amended, I was not refunded the overpayment, contribution I had been charged. I overpaid my rates by over 4,000 dollars, you are quick to charge interest on overdue amounts, I did not receive paper rate invoices over this period and not notified my account was in credit that my direct debt was exceeding the annual rates payments or received interest.
Online Submission	I am on tank water. I do not currently receive a water bill. My storm water is captured in my tanks and dams. I do not have curb and guttering If council intends to charge ratepayers who do not receive water bills and therefore currently do not pay a stormwater drainage charge, I submit that I totally disagree as I will receive no benefit at extra cost. I am surviving on a pension as my only income. If council are only transferring to rates for those who currently receive a water bill then I have no issue as it won't affect me or others like me who pay for water if we need to buy a truck load, at much higher cost than regular water rates.
Online Submission	The council have been aware of insufficient stormwater assets in my suburb for nearly 5 years. Particularly insufficient drain capacity on Duncan street leading to flooding of properties on both Duncan street and lakeshore drive. To date nothing has been done to rectify this hence I do not agree in funding inaction on the council's behalf
Online Submission	With this change you don't explain the change in legislation just that you have to do it. I will expect my water rates notice to be cheaper each quarter but my general rates notice to be higher, am I understanding this correctly. There is very little trust with CC council so people are sceptical of these changes.
Online Submission	Not in support as at the same time you are also applying to ipart to increase the overall rates for water as well. Currently also not sure what the stormwater charge actually covers, as there is severe lack of maintenance on the culverts and Woongarra waters retention basins. The

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	road at waterside drive regulary goes underwater in heavy rains and has not been maintained in at least 12 months
Online Submission	"Live within your means" or get out of leadership. Tired of the excuses. Council has been mismanaged for years. It's a disgrace. More money won't help. Get rid of the waste (pun intended)
Online Submission	I can't understand the reasons behind the change to legislation made by the state government, to me, it's a waste of time and money as the Council has had to put forward this proposal; but now that it has happened, I support Council's proposal.
Online Submission	We have no storm water management, our down pipes can't drain to the street and just flood the reserve below us. In fact our street had no kerb and cuttering to start with! A couple if open storm water drains flow to the lake, they block up with tree debri and aren't maintained. The sewer mains runs through the storm water reservoir and recently leaked badly for weeks before repaired. The water collection point is a haven for mosquito breeding. Please advise why we have to pay the rate for storm water management when we have none?
Online Submission	i dont agree as i dont have town water or any form of stormwater drainage or kerb or layback to entrance.i have my own sewerage . my rates pay for rubbish collection only as far as i can notice.
Online Submission	On Coast FM today 5/126 they noted the details regarding this transfer but noted some details were missing. What is the special Variation council will be applying for and will we be levied a charge for this???? So I voted No till we get more information.
Online Submission	I can not see any issues with transferring this as it has to be paid by the rate payer.
Online Submission	Council need to do better at managing the funds they have access to. For far too long Central Coast residents have been let down by poor management and poor budget management. Our council fees keep rising but the quality of service delivered lowers.
Online Submission	council should find efficiencies internally to compensate for this charge. Reducing services to the people so as to compensate is not acceptable.
Online Submission	It make sense to stay within the council.
Online Submission	Having resided on The Central Coast since 1950 and having parents who paid council rates from 1949 until my mother's passing in 2002 and being a rate payer myself since 1971 with now the third generation becoming a rate payer as well I am strongly against this charge being added to our general rate notices. Cutting some services may not affect as many people as you believe it will. One example being grass cutting on weekends with penalty rates. Rather than cutting services some services may be able to be carried out at more suitable times, thus saving the rate payers from unnecessary expenditure. We all understand that this is a beautiful area in which to reside but at what cost.
Online Submission	Needs to be clearly marked on rate notice and kept separate from rate increases.
Online Submission	OBJECTION: Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer Council failed to notify all ratepayers on property titles - only one household member received notice. This violates proper consultation requirements. Critical concerns: Consultation during Christmas/NY holidays (closes Jan 11) - deliberately minimizes input Rates can force PROPERTY SALE for non-payment; water bills cannot - massive legal

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	difference not disclosed 12.67% rate base increase creates foundation for compounding future rises No alternatives presented despite claiming "no choice" Tenants lose transparency - won't see charge on rates like they do on water bills This appears designed to minimize scrutiny of permanent structural change. Council uses "lose \$22M in services" as threat to force approval without proper review. Request: Extend consultation 3+ months Notify ALL property owners properly Present genuine alternatives Explain payment default implications Current process undermines democratic governance.
Online Submission	I do not support the proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. Stormwater management is a core local government responsibility and should be funded from Council's existing revenue base, which already includes rate income and government funding. This proposal is cost-shifting, not reform. Although Council states there will be no increase in charges, moving this cost onto rates reduces transparency and embeds it as a permanent rate-based charge that can be more easily increased in the future. Council's claim that rejecting the proposal would reduce its ability to deliver services is unconvincing. Budget prioritisation and financial management are fundamental Council responsibilities, and legislative change does not justify transferring costs to ratepayers. This proposal adds pressure without improving services or outcomes. I therefore oppose the transfer and request Council fund stormwater services within existing revenues
Online Submission	Other council with NSW does not charge this amount, and council rates are already on higher end as compared to other councils
Online Submission	No other council charge this on water or rates bill and I would recommend to be followed by central coast council as well
Online Submission	We currently dont appear to have any service relating to our stormwater drainage. Council in their wisdom actually planted trees that constantly drop leaves into to the drains for instance. I would have thought the new housing developments requiring new drainage would be the ones benefiting and therefore carrying the costs.
Online Submission	I do not trust Council with financial management nor do I believe Council would keep the stormwater fee as low as possible.
Online Submission	Council abused our rates previously and can't be trusted to continually increase this rate even higher than it is today
Online Submission	Please absorb this loss into the Council budget.
Online Submission	I am living in a rural zone on tank water and septic so do not have a water bill. Moving the charge to rates will increase my costs for no benefit to me or those in my area.
Online Submission	This is a sneaky way of increasing our rates. Shame
Online Submission	Please absorb this income loss into your budget.

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Online Submission	We live in a beautiful place with an incompetent council that has high charges and is a laughing stock compared to the better reputation of surrounding LGAs, e.g. Lake Mac. Stop gouging ratepayers. Look after better roads, and rates and stop being a rubbish council.
Online Submission	I do NOT want the proposal of transfer the Stormwater drainage charge from the water bill to rates notice
Online Submission	Leave it on the water bill. I do not agree for it going onto council rates.
Online Submission	Just leave it as is, why change? Have stormwater problems now and can't get cancelled to fix it
Online Submission	Council does not use the money to upgrade drainage. I own 5 properties in this Council area. Only one doesn't have stormwater drainage issues, yet they have been charging and collecting this money since I've been a ratepayer from 2000 onwards. One of my properties floods during heavy rain, due to Council stormwater drain being insufficient in size. What have they been spending this money on? Stop allowing theft of ratepayers money by Mayors, Councillors and employees and then letting them get away with it! Many times this has occurred and ratepayers foot the bill. Last time our rates soared, tripled on commercial property in fact and still no curb and gutter, flooding properties, constant broken water mains that cause mud into my taps costing me leaking taps and toilets. NO DON'T ALLOW IT!
Online Submission	No, because there will be hidden costs and mean more money I have to give to a council that doesnt even support our suburb.
Online Submission	Cost of living is high enough, the council should be considering the appropriate management of council rates funds to allow for this to occur without adding to households further. Whilst I understand that annual costs won't change, clearly the council have been wrongly charging water account users if a change in laws requires it to change. As for investors, they shouldn't have to fund this through rates.
Online Submission	Central Coast rates for MacMasters Beach are not spent here. Because of high coastal land values the receipts from rates far outstrip the services provided to MacMasters Beach.
Online Submission	We are among the highest paying rates in the state and country - as a result of councils misuse of funds. We are in a cost of living crisis and are continuing to pay inflated rates. I understand that there will be no "additional" costs. However - this seems like a loophole. If you can't charge it on the water rates then you should not be charging it. It's related directly to water rates and not council rates. Furthermore on the peninsula there is a substantial lack of any stormwater draining. Most streets don't have kerbs yet alone storm water drainage. I do have drainage - however due to a council planted tree which was recently removed the kerb has been raised and NO water drains into the stormwater drainage, which I've complained numerous times about. So do I support giving you money for something you can't fix now? Hundreds of houses are affected by not having drainage. No, no, and no. Cut some of ur fleet cars back that are driving around unmarked giving tickets out!
Online Submission	Dosn't matter to whom I pay

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Online Submission	We have been over paying our rates already due to the incompetence of the previous administration and the water board has been charging us the stormwater drainage of which should never have been charged. This has now raised the issue that we should NOT be charged for something we don't have. We have been here 9 years and I cannot in my lifetime ever see us getting stormwater drainage like most residents in Umina until such time as we get stormwater drains if EVER this charge should NOT be charged to our rates. This charge is \$147.76 per year for what NOTHING ?????
Online Submission	As with any change to billing systems, the rate payer is only to pay more for the service.
Online Submission	I think the Australian workers pay enough tax already
Online Submission	You say there will be no increase in charges with the change. I have seen to many broken promises with governments to be confident that this will be no different in the near future.
Online Submission	Here in blue haven we dont even have kerb and gutter we already getting charged for something we dont have and theres no drainage pits either thats why it floods every bad storm ... plus this councils a joke miss managed money we already had a rates increase to pay back money you miss spent and they never went down
Online Submission	The benefits as to why this is changing isn't clear, there's no storm water drainage in my area anyway so this proposal is of no benefit to me.
Online Submission	The print out is too small to read. Cant council get such a basic commication right?
Online Submission	Dont understand the necessity. You changed the law. Im sure i will be charged more. 12% increase is ridiculous. Councils incompetence has cost us dearly
Online Submission	This is a sensible and needed step in order to properly maintain and expand drainage infrastructure.
Online Submission	We already pay way too much to Central Coast Council and see very little in return. Also disappointing to see Councils previous mismanagement of our tax payer money, resulting in huge debt, which has also been passed on to us residents. My husband recently wrote opposing the change in recreation fees and how disgraceful it was to charge public school students to use public ovals and this fell on deaf ears. The response was weak as. We're assuming this opportunity for feedback will result in the same but I'm hopeful that council will not continue to take from the residents who are already struggling. Give us a break and pay for this yourself, central coast council.
Online Submission	I support the proposed transfer of the Drainage Charge from my water bill to my rate notice on the understanding that this will not affect the cost, performance and sustainability of the stormwater drainage system which at the moment appears to be failing miserably by allowing nutrients into the system enabling algal blooms to threaten pelican breeding colonies in Brisbane Water and for silt to build up at outlets into Brisbane Water which affects local bird life by polluting their habitat

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Online Submission	You mention this is for essential Storm Water drainage network sustainability, but only some rate payers will pay for it. If everyone benefits from it, then everybody should share the load, not just a select few. Hence I vote No to only charging those who currently pay for it under the old system.
Online Submission	Council continues to put up rates with no consideration to residents. The area I live in Copacabana is not maintained well with roads and drainage. Would like something given back to the community rather than always take.
Online Submission	Based on past performance, I have no confidence in the Council's ability to deliver value or provide effective services. For this reason, until I see any indication that the Council can be relied upon and will address concerns (including ensuring legitimate expenditure), I can't agree to any additional contributions. Where we live, we have no storm water drainage or water management services through council, but I would agree to the charge if I believed the money would be used appropriately and efficiently for city areas. Councillors should have to answer for their actions.
Online Submission	No stormwater drainage at all at my property. Shouldn't need to pay a service charge for lack of service. All stormwater flows to a pond in the valley that also does not have drainage or water management. This is not a legal variation. Use the rates money more wisely.
Online Submission	This council was previously in charge they got into so much Debt now they are back I certainly didn't Vote for them and in the future I won't be either as they are only running this into the ground
Online Submission	No, I do not agree with changes. If the bill is already passed it sounds like you will do it anyway, regardless of community involvement. Council is only concerned about the \$22 Million they will lose in funding due to changes. I do not want any changes-Please listen to the people for once!!! Please put a poll up so we can see how many say yes and how many say no- to be transparent with the community.
Online Submission	We don't have any storm water drainage. Our property is on Collins Ave at Kulnura but the section of road frontage belongs to the Olney State Forest and not Central Coast Council. The council provides NO drainage whatsoever.
Online Submission	No provision for storm water drainage at our 1acre property. I do not wish to pay for a service I don't receive

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Online Submission	Over the past 5 years the Council has increased the Stormwater charge some 38% out stripping CPI increases (22%) by over 16% and now looking this year to increase a further 8% on top of CPI is simply not sustainable and completely unjustified. The council simply can not be trusted to be allowed to charge whatever they wish to cover council's mismanagement of finances. These water increases have been on top of the additional Property Rates we have had to pay back for the over the past numerous years and it is time council takes accountability for the waste and not just keep putting onto the rate payers. The Council fails to provide any real service with a reputation of being the slowest & most difficult council to deal with in NSW.
Online Submission	What services are currently provided by the council for stormwater?
Online Submission	I live on a rural property and get no benefit from the water rates charges so I resent being charged for water rates. It is perhaps appropriate for those who receive a benefit to agree to the transfer but I don't believe I should be charged for water rates at all
Online Submission	As far as I'm concerned, I shouldn't have EVER been charged for stormwater drainage as my streetfront doors not facilitate stormwater drainage and my stormwater drains to a pit in my backyard. As my pit was insufficient to manage recent heavy rains, I've had my stormwater diverted to the table drain (no curb and guttering) at a significant personal expense. The council has not had a hand at all in managing my stormwater, yet I'm charged a stormwater management fee? A ludicrous situation that only a council could come up with. Fees for NOTHING.
Online Submission	Reasoning for change in legislation not explained. What was the wording of the act before and after? Is the Council is simply changing the *way* this charge is imposed to skirt the intent of new legislation ruling the *type* of charge invalid?
Online Submission	Try shutting down useless progames and departments
Online Submission	The rates we currently pay are ridiculous and I am currently paying for a service you don't provide to me. I don't have kerb and guttering.
Online Submission	Infrastructure needs to be maintained
Online Submission	The only flooding that affects us is directly outside our kerb EVERY time it rains. Literally every other part of our street has gutters except us so since this won't affect guttering, it has no effect on us, we will still continue to be affected by the flooding we are ment to be contributing to easing.
Online Submission	Time to give rate payers a break and find cuts in other areas to cover the cost. Rate payers have to tighten their belts in this cost of living crisis that has been created by waste of money and reckless spending. Have a good look at the allocation of funds and I am absolutely positive council will find the money.
Online Submission	This is a total waste of tax and rate payer's money. It could be spent elsewhere.
Online Submission	There never used to be a water bill. Council greed separated the 2 bills. I do not have curb and guttering, the ditch only gets cleared by myself.
Online Submission	We feel as though we shouldn't have to pay it at all and if the government is changing legislation then it shouldn't just be added elsewhere. Do not agree. Do not want to pay

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Online Submission	If the water charges will remain the same with annual rises, rate payers will pay more. Council needs to adjust their work model to become sustainable for their financiers "rate payers" Councils top heavy staffing needs refining and management needs to become more like private enterprise, being more investor "ratepayer" focused. We are sure our water charges will increase once the drainage charges are removed from the water notices. We are not happy to have this change approved. Thank you
Online Submission	I believe that the charge should be removed all together & efficiencies be found elsewhere
Online Submission	The stormwater drainage charge will then be also subject to future general council rate increases instead of the standard drainage charge increase set by IPART. So this will result in increased charges for the ratepayers over the next years. We are all still looking forward to the planned 15% council rate reduction, which was set in the 10 year rate plan that was issued by administrator Rik Hart. We do not need any more future increases.
Online Submission	We can't afford to lose funding for other services.
Online Submission	In the 15 years I've lived at Moana Street. There has been no stormwater when it rains enough. The street floods out the front of my house whether or not you put the stormwater as part of the water notice or the rates notice I don't care. I'm just sick of paying a stormwater fee so others can have drainage in their streets.
Online Submission	We don't have curb and guttering, we don't have stormwater drainage, this is something I don't feel I should be charged without proper curb and guttering
Online Submission	We don't really mind where the stormwater charge appears
Online Submission	It's a standard rate for land makes sense to bunch it together.
Online Submission	No I do not support this proposal as it is the responsibility of councils to maintain the stormwater not the residents.
Online Submission	I am very cautious and suspicious of Central Coast Council's capacity to manage funds appropriately, however I will accept the change given the statement that there will be no rate increases as a result. I can't say i trust the Council not to keep this promise, given the historical mismanagement. It is amazing how little faith the public has in the Council
Online Submission	Council has shown themselves to be a complete untrustworthy cohort of money stealing fools - I would never trust the council with a transparent & fair levy - ever.
Online Submission	The council handles the servicing and maintenance of water. One entity that bills the council rate and the water A simple circular that points out a change in the wording would be enough
Online Submission	Rates are high enough
Online Submission	We previously had certain charges within our water bill then council changed it so that our water rates increased and now they want to change it again.
Online Submission	The drainage charge, is for the infrastructure, which varies in the "ageing/depreciation" function and calculation. Water usage is the consumption aspect. Makes sense to separate the two.

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Online Submission	Please be more clear about the total raise in fees. compared to what we currently pay. I also have no kerb and gutter therefore my Storm water does not enter the council SW system.
Online Submission	I do not support this change as it was moved from rates to the water account a few years ago. Now regulations require Council to transfer it back. Although the transfer won't lead to any immediate visible increase in the total amount paid I have no doubt it will in future through the administration cost of making this change. How much has been spent on the letters, website, running this survey. The steps involved in this process are the most typical bureaucratic waste of resources that is typical of government organisations. It should be this complicated.
Online Submission	I know my complaint won't be heard, but I want the CCC to stop treating residents as their personal ATM and instead start doing a better job of managing costs and efficiency. Just because CCC is incompetent doesn't mean residents have unlimited funds available to continuously pour money into a likely corrupt organisation. There is a limit to what we can afford. CCC continues to gouge residents in preference to doing a better job.
Online Submission	Proposal seems reasonable. The only thing not explained is why the NSW government removed councils ability to levy the Stormwater charges in the previous manner
Online Submission	As long as I see a drop in the amount charged on my water rates, then there isn't much to debate. Although I don't expect you to change the water rates either, so in fact, I expect my rates to go up. And the Central Coast Council's fiscal history is nothing but disgraceful, so like most, I have very low expectations of the organisation. As for the Stormwater Drainage Charge, we have no adequate or effective stormwater drainage, basically no drainage at all. So, when do we see some of these increased charges being directed to where we live? When do we start seeing some value in the rates we pay, instead of councilors getting into physical fights on the beach or the ridiculous delays while you investigate shells in Davistown?
Online Submission	Moving the stormwater drainage charge into rates reduces transparency and removes the clear separation between service-based charges and general rate revenue. It also creates a precedent for additional costs to be absorbed into rates under the guise of administrative change, rather than genuine community benefit. Council has not demonstrated that residents would be better off under this arrangement, nor that alternative funding or efficiency measures have been fully explored. I am particularly concerned that once included in rates, this charge could increase over time without the same level of scrutiny currently applied to water-related charges.
Online Submission	I think councils need to start managing monies better. Leave a legacy you can be proud of The fact it costs \$40 in water usage yet the other \$230 is fees is insane. You collect enough in regular rates. Do better
Online Submission	I am of the opinion that all ratepayers should contribute to the Drainage Charge as it would be a much fairer system. If everybody benefits from the Charge everybody should pay for that benefit.
Online Submission	Council has not met their obligations to manage the stormwater drainage in many areas. Under their own admission they only respond to servicing the drains when a call out is submitted by the public in many areas, because they govern too large a area with Gosford, The entrance, upper central coast, etc. There is a large portion of

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	the Central Coast region that is not kerbed and gutter, leaving water drainage to simply run off back to land areas. This does not meet a complete drainage system for storm water. Council has a history of mismanaging rate payers monies and if stormwater charge was mixed with land rates it would create a very complexed system if a legal challenge was required. Legally The Water Act is a stand alone system.
Online Submission	This charge should not be applied to either notice as it is a charge for nothing. We on the peninsular in particular pay the amount for a service not provided. I also pay it twice for a legally built granny flat, while other illegal structures are allowed to exist with no fee or inspection for safety or quality. Our street is flooded to the point where vehicles travel through dangerous levels of water just to get kids to school while areas like Terrigal and Copacabanna get fancy unneeded upgrades. The council is taking money illegally as it is a charge for a service not provided and no future plan to fix the issues on the peninsular.
Online Submission	I have no kerb and gutter where I live and therefore no stormwater drainage to maintain. so why am I being charged a fee for a service I'm not receiving?
Online Submission	I agree with the proposal
Online Submission	I do not believe we should have to pay this and therefore don't support the proposed transfer of the charge to my water bill. We already pay enough in rates and see very little to no return for what we pay. If the council requires more money, maybe there should be a reduction of managers within the council and their salary used for the purpose of the stormwater drainage issues that apparently require the funding.
Online Submission	Tax payers of Australia are taxed and charged with hidden bills every single day. The charges from our water rates being dropped is a blessing especially to the millions of Australians struggling with the cost of living crisis. DO NOT ADD THE STORMWATER CHARGE TO OUR RATES!!!
Online Submission	I am not in favour of adding a one off cost to a bill that's subject an annual increase.
Online Submission	This is not a potential revenue grab then it doesn't need to be changed. Also I understand Minister Ron Hoenig has already advised that council isn't to change this.
Online Submission	I am concerned about a potentially larger increase in the rate once it is transferred to the rate notice.
Online Submission	Why should I be required to pay a stormwater drainage fee when the road I live on has no stormwater drainage and never has? Why have I been charged this fee for something I haven't got in my street, nor the surrounding areas. I live on a road that doesn't have stormwater drainage. I strongly object to paying the stormwater drainage fee. I strongly feel that Central Coast Council has been charging me illegally for the stormwater drainage fee when we don't have stormwater drainage on the road I live on. I have lived at 53 Warner Ave Tuggerawong for over 30 years, and I have been wrongly charged a fee that is not relevant to me.
Online Submission	It is unclear why this charge is required. Sydney properties do not require a contribution to stormwater drainage. Rates in the Central Coast are higher than other LGAs. It is recommended that more information is provided on where all these rates and water collections go. Eg. How much is collected? How much is spent on what infrastructure where. Is this to do with a lower population in the central coast?

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Online Submission	Do not agree with transfer
Online Submission	This seems reasonable as long as the charge remains the same.
Online Submission	I have no curb and guttering or any storm water drainage on my road. Council has provided deep overgrown gullies on one side of the road that are a safety hazard and nothing on the other side. In four years the gully has only been cleaned once. When it rains the lack of storm water drainage causes minor flooding in the surrounding streets and subsequent increase in potholes. What has the storm water levy that I have been paying done for my residence and the northern end of this LGA? I previously lived in a flood zone at Budgewoi and always flooded with council sewage with the clean up left to me. I have never benefited from the storm water levy and do not see why I have to pay a directed fee that has never shown a positive impact in the area I dwell.
Online Submission	The charge is currently set under the water management act and I believe this change in legislation means that Council can no longer apply it under our water bill and therefore should not be fair to move it the rates notice. We pay an exorbitant amount of money to council and it should be absorbed somewhere else, not just moved over to our rates. Thankyou
Online Submission	Will need to be monitored so costs don't increase. We have storm water retention at our address. I realise many properties don't.
Online Submission	There is no cleaning of curb side gutters.
Online Submission	Hooray, at last a sensible saving by combining 2 bills into one
Online Submission	Rates paid for 40 years on same property, no ketb and guttering despite may requests.
Online Submission	I strongly believe that all water related charges should remain combined on the one water notice, status quo, for better oversight on charges and their dispersion there of.
Online Submission	As part of this program I would like to see gutters and storm water services installed in Thelma Street long jetty. The water currently collects and pools in front of a number of properties, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes and parking issues for residents and pedestrians.
Online Submission	As long as the overall cost of my Council bills does NOT increase that's OK. Exactly what legislation has changed? And why is water drainage not a water related item anymore?
Online Submission	I feel that the council could put up rates easily if this is done . San Remo has been my home for 36 years and little has been done about drainage issues or proper Curb and guttering . I paid for my own pipes under my driveway access . The suburb has always been forgotten and it is growing with an increase of first home buyers from Sydney moving into the area . So no I don't think this is in anyway a good idea for rate payers
Online Submission	Yes as long as the money is still used towards drainage maintenance and service levels are maintained or improved.
Online Submission	We pay enough in rates without tis charge being added to them

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Online Submission	You have applied to I crease the water bill already which you failed to mention, so you want a 12% increase on rates then another 11% on the water.
Online Submission	From the position of the home owner there appears to be no benefit.
Online Submission	Council already rip me off. No thanks
Online Submission	Council wastes enough of our money and has cost us more and more and now wants us to pay more again with regular increases,no way
Online Submission	I don't believe this is appropriately managed currently and do not agree with the transfer to rates.
Online Submission	Council is not correct in stating ratepayers will pay no more. The annual rate peg is, in the vast majority of years, higher than CPI inflation. In addition, a population factor increase is added to the rate peg. Whereas water rates increase each year by CPI inflation after the Five-year determination is applied. The drainage charge will therefore likely rise by more each year as part of general rates than it would as part of water dates. Council is not therefore being honest when it tells people the transfer makes no difference to what they will pay. In addition, Council has separately applied to IPART to increase water rates by 11.1% next year. There will therefore be no reduction in water rates next year to compensate the increase in general rates from this transfer. Council has already increased its income from rates and water rates about 50% in five years and could absorb this transfer by improving efficiency and productivity - both of which have gone backwards.
Online Submission	My street does not have kerbs, gutters, and my property does not have stormwater drainage at all. Flooding occurs EVERY time there is a large amount of rain. I don't believe people should be charged for services they do not receive. And clearly the water management act agrees by changing the legislation.
Online Submission	I support it if there is no change in the way it is calculated to the ratepayers detriment. Needing to canvas this seems a gross waste of Council funds
Online Submission	If the Storm Water Drainage charge is to continue it would be good if the drainage infrastructure in Bidjiwong Road Matcham was considered for upgrade and or maintenance. The existing gravel road is continuously damaged during wet weather as a direct result of non existent drainage infrastructure and a culvert under the road does not have the capacity to manage the flow of water and will regularly flow over the road which has eroded the downstream side of the bank and is in danger of collapse.
Online Submission	Seems logical
Online Submission	This makes sense. We need to ensure the drainage maintenance continues, and that we has rate payers do not pay any extra moving forward. If this does not transfer across we will end up paying higher property rates.
Online Submission	Do not support this change

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Online Submission	Firstly looking at the map I can not determine whether my townhouses are impacted. Can you confirm if I am impacted at 105 Barrenjoey Road Ettalong. The map shows impacted and non impacted but where I can see Ettalong it is neither of those colours. Secondly my property's are currently tenanted and the tenants are responsible for the water rates. If you move the cost to the land rates then it impacts what I pay and as a self funded retiree and the current cost of living my wife and I are unable to afford more increases to rates in this area.
Online Submission	I feel we pay too much in rates already.
Online Submission	This council consistently mismanages and is an absolute disgrace, transferring funds to another area such as rates is only going to further prove this mismanagement. Learn to manage to funds you have allocated as it is and perhaps the deficit might teach you to spend the funds you do have appropriately.
Online Submission	I think we pay enough rates both water and normal for council to properly maintain services. I'm sure by transferring we will end up paying more for drainage charges.
Online Submission	I am sure will cost a lot more in the long run
Online Submission	I have been paying this fee for 35 years along with having my rates raised to pay back councils debt. I have not heard that they are going back down, now the debt is paid?? I have no stormwater at my location, and cannot see us getting any in my life time. With the huge growth in population on the peninsular, which means council is getting more money from rates, why do we need to keep on paying? What were the changes to legislation and why were they made?
Online Submission	Prefer to keep water charges separate to land rates
Online Submission	We live on acreage and have our own drainage systems, septic and power (including installed solar panels). I think it's already outrageous that we have a water bill given we manage all of our water ourselves.
Online Submission	I strongly oppose this proposal, Central Coast Council have already significantly burdened their constituents with special rate pegs due to financial mismanagement and incompetence. Moreover, there is a lack of transparency around the net impact over time of this proposal compared to the current arrangement, its deceptive to say the net impact of proposed changes will be the same, as rates will be subject to escalation under the proposed changes and this has not been clearly set out. Council should find efficiencies to manage their budget and stop using constituents who are struggling, particularly low income earners and families who are experiencing financial and cost of living hardship, already exacerbated by having to pay additional rates to Central Coast Council due to financial mismanagement. There is a lack of transparency around what this additional rate burden would cover, how it would benefit constituents and what alternatives are available.
Online Submission	Legislation is preventing this charge - what is the difference between charging on this Act or via another Act? This is a defiant attempt to continue revenue raising for the council.

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Online Submission	We pay too much for rates and water as it is. Central Coast Council is quick to take and do not provide the services they should. I do not agree with the proposal of the Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer.
Online Submission	I currently pay for the stormwater charge on my water bill yet there is no curb or guttering on my street. I already pay and am charged for a service that currently is not provided by the council on my street Because of this I do not support the transfer of this charge. Please note that in the past I also DID NOT support the council levy that had been introduced.
Online Submission	Maintenance of drainage is part of your general operations budget! Failed to demonstrate efficiency gains. Rushed consultation process. Where and what is your plan for future management of the drainage infrastructure?
Online Submission	Our rates in Gwandalan are already too high no kerb and gutters are available on the majority of This suburb kids and mothers with prams have to walk on the road as even the shoulder is very uneven and full of holes.i believe that council should spend some of our rates in the area fixing the above and resealing all the roads here I worried for my small grandchildren trying to ride their little bikes when we have no footpaths
Online Submission	This Council is a disgrace, they are record breakers getting our debt to \$1/2 billion, which "justified" them already having a SPV. No one was held accountable and now again they want "special" permission to have a \$\$\$ moved from water to rates so they don't lose this additional cream they can again waste. Our storm water system in this region is an embarrassment, that's after they sold the stormwater drainage charge to us in the first place to be sustainable and help with improving that service. It did not and instead of applying funds where they should be allocated, Council does renovations to their building and are now building gym for their staff. It's disgusting and they should not get to move the money from this stormwater drainage charge across to our rates, before they lose it. Council should be working on a budget like the rest of us instead of getting approval for special extras all the time and then literally washing it down the drain on unrelated things. Shame on them!
Online Submission	Support Council raising the drainage charge through the rates notice so it can use the funds to plan for and maintain drainage infrastructure which is a critical component of council's asset management.

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Online Submission	You already charge enough
Online Submission	The change would see the charge not regulated and included in annual fee increases with council rates which would show an increase
Online Submission	I believe that council has not wisely used existing funds to provide storm water drainage infrastructure adjoining my property in Bembooka Rd Green Point. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with a council representative. A number of years ago council undertook roadwork and adjustment of the storm water drainage on the fire trail at the end of Bembooka Rd past the council locked gate. This trail runs along the boundary of my property for approximately 50 meters. The adjustment to the storm water drainage has directed excessive amounts of storm water onto my property. This continues to cause erosion on my property during times of heavy rainfall. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue with council and invite council to inspect and discuss with me the problem that has been caused.
Online Submission	We don't have gutters or storm water pipes on our side of the street, with heavy rain we practically have to park cars in the middle of the road. Give us gutters / storm water pipes and we would have no problem.
Online Submission	I strongly oppose the stormwater drainage charge being transferred to council rates. This charge has historically been applied as a user-based fee through water bills, and shifting it into rates removes transparency and fairness. Applying it to rates would increase the financial burden on all ratepayers, including those who may already be struggling with cost-of-living pressures, without providing any additional service or benefit. Absorbing it into rates reduces accountability, limits community choice, and sets a concerning precedent for councils to repackage fees rather than manage costs responsibly. The community should not be asked to pay more simply to maintain council revenue.
Online Submission	Our Rates were already increased almost by 30% at once back in 2021 !!!
Online Submission	Council needs to be more responsible for its spending. The more money it raises the more it throws away. So many examples in the last 5yrs of absolute idiocy. The Gosford waterfront park, the pollution into the central coast waterways. All issues caused by council where the cost is 100% worn by the public.
Online Submission	I object this proposal. Moving stormwater drainage charges into rates reduces transparency and removes the clear separation between service-based charges and general rate revenue. It also creates a precedent for additional costs to be absorbed into rates under the guise of administrative change, rather than genuine community benefit. Council has not demonstrated that residents would be better off under this arrangement, nor that alternative funding or efficiency measures have been fully explored. I am particularly concerned that once included in rates, this charge could increase over time without the same level of scrutiny currently applied to water-related charges. I request that Council: Does not apply for a Special Variation to transfer the stormwater drainage charge to rates. Maintains transparency by keeping stormwater costs separate from general rates. Explores alternative funding options that do not increase the financial burden on ratepayers. Please record my objection.

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Online Submission	The properties along Bar Point do not have any roads, nor access to the properties, we commute by boat to bar Point via the Hawkesbury River and as well we have no town water supply(we have our own rain water tanks). I so not understand why I being charged storm water management, as we have not storm water drainage facilites in this suburb.
Online Submission	The name of the bill that Council puts the charges on is totally irrelevant. Why make an issue of a non-issue? The 'legislation' reason also supports the non-payment of the charge, as Council admits. I have been required to pay for stormwater drainage since that time. There is no stormwater drainage in Angler Street, despite part of that street being designated as lying in a flood zone. (one would surmise that this might have made stormwater drainage a priority for this street.) So I have been required to pay for something that I have never received for 23 years. Why? I would like a refund of these unwarranted charges extracted from me on the false premise of delivering such drainage. Whilst I don't mind Council switching the stormwater drainage charges to its rates bill - for those properties which actually receive stormwater drainage - I will be voting NO as the only way I can relieve myself of this unfair charge.
Online Submission	To assist with storm water drainage and to reduce road flooding and road damage, installing proper kerbside guttering is imperative. If the central coast council is going to charge rates similar to inner city councils, how about you support all of the central coast rate payers and justify the increased rate levies due to government mismanagement and embezzlement and provide us with simple gutter curbs for proper road drainage. Weeds and grass are constantly growing into road tarmac, preventing efficient direction of storm water run off, creating mosquito infested ponds; whilst we live in a developed nation..we are still enduring third world storm water drainage solutions. I don't care where the charge is announced but if we are being charged for stormwater drainage fees how about you provide an efficient service to justify the fee! Or else why are we paying for this (so called) service???????
Online Submission	I don't even have a stormwater connection to my property so why should I be paying for stormwater at all. I feel like I have been getting ripped off this whole time by a council that has been reckless with my rates in the past.
Online Submission	There is no need for the change. We don't have any storm water as 100 percent of the property catch the water for their own use. We don't have kerb and gutter it's all cultivates and drains that either run through people property's or into dams. You already charge us for the sewage which you don't even do anything for as most of the property's have on site sewage eg trenches or enviro cycles. So again there is no need for the change cause if there if there is a change down the track you can charge us for storm water for no reason. It's just another way for council to get money to stay profitable after the mergering of the two council as council seem to waste it. You don't need contractors to do half the work you put out when you have cable employees. Maybe instead of having so many people in upper management eg like Trade assistant who are on \$80 k plus just go back to having Team leaders and then crew leaders who would carry out the work.

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Online Submission	Council rates continue to increase yearly. By adding further charges to a yearly rate that is continually rising is not manageable for rate payers.
Online Submission	The council has increased all water and land rates to a charge beyond what we can afford. This is just another way for you to transfer over so you can charge more for the same service. Nothing on the central coast has gotten better except you wasting more of our money. Stop spending money on flags and decorations and start to upgrade the roads. I think a questionnaire should be sent out for all rate payers so that we can vote where you spend our money as you guys aren't capable of doing such a job. Also bring back the 5-10% discount for paying rates up front for the year instead of quarterly. This is a great option for most of us that are barely surviving to save more money. I am a small business owner/sole trader and I can't for the life of me figure out how you can ask for handouts due to bad management. My clients would laugh at me if I decided to charge a surcharge due to my mismanagement and they would probably try to take me to court over an a charge that wasn't agreed to.
Online Submission	We cannot trust you.
Online Submission	Less pay and fewer benefits
Online Submission	This is just another way for council to get more money out of land owners. We live on property that has no access to town water and do not feel that we should be contributing to stormwater drainage charges that do not affect us.
Online Submission	I assume that once the charge is added to rates bill, it will then attract the higher percentage increase that our rates are subject to. So you are simply switching it over to be able to get more money? What guarantees can you give rate payers about spending money wisely? I often see your workers cutting grass (Hardys Bay) on a Saturday - are they on penalty rates? We have no kerb/guttering. Storm water pours down our street for days, sometimes weeks after rainstorms. It is dangerous to walk on as it becomes very slippery. What this means is that we are already paying for not much in return.
Online Submission	Received my letter just prior to Xmas and had to laugh on so called maintenance. My property is next to a main water culvert that runs under the road then out to Tuggerah lakes.(about 200 metres).If anywhere ,this could be looked at as an example of what 'maintenance' looks like.In 25 yrs ,I can count on one hand how many times it was mowed ,cleared of debris- fallen branches etc and at the end for the garbage trap,it's usually full of rubbish.There are no checks,no repairs and it's relied on residents to let council know if there is an issue.prior to Covid or even as far back as council amalgamation,we would regularly get a gutter sweeper truck come down in the early hours to clear the gutters- have not heard one for years and flooding in downpours can attest to that. so I say ,it's just a money grabber anyway,but from what you shown re council,it doesn't matter who objects,it just goes ahead anyway
Online Submission	Fully supported

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Online Submission	Whenever bills are split, both parts rise with less scrutiny. Just like rego and greenslips. CCC is one of the highest chargers of rates in the country. CCC needs to spend less on junkets like sister cities and green (alleged) "initiatives". Finance controllers should have all parts of council staying in their lane. A clear "no" to hiding surcharges.
Online Submission	Whilst living at my previous address, the council imposed this for my property's sewerage management fees. Council imposed a licence fee, and then an inspection fee. This then got absorbed in the general rates and disappeared as an identified charge. Consequently, no inspections happened again, and the sewer charges were subject to rate increases, including the special rate levy imposed by the council. This will happen again if the drainage charge is included in the general rates, as the council does not guarantee it won't.
Online Submission	i don't get a water bill as i am on tank water
Online Submission	It makes sense to transfer the stormwater drainage charge to the rates notice in light of the upcoming changes. There is no additional cost to the customer and transferring the charge means council can use its funds for all the various services and projects around the Central Coast. Otherwise council will have to pay for the stormwater drainage charges which will negatively impact everyone on the coast. Not transferring the charge means the cost would have to come from council's funds. This means less money would be available for other services and projects that are currently being funded by council. No sensible person would want that. Or it would likely mean a significant increase would have to be made to rates notices in order for council to be able to continue providing the services they are now.
Online Submission	Central Coast residents already pay rates and water higher than surrounding rate payers. And the council have been proven in the past to mismanage funds egregiously. To the point of legal action. Why should residents pay for the mistakes of the council? If IPART are enforcing the removal of stormwater management from water, sneaking them into standard rates appears to go against their ruling. Considering council have already asked for a CPI + 8% increase to water rates, this is double dipping and should not be allowed.
Online Submission	Our property has no rear stormwater connected, we are having to pay for this ourselves
Online Submission	The Storm water charge has been in place for a number of years to date. Our storm water system consists of open drains on both sides of the road. We have owned the property for over 20 years and in that time have never seen a council crew perform any type of maintenance on this archeaic system. Fine to have us all paying a fee, however no benefit to any Dulwich road residents to date. It's disappointing to be charged an additional fee that hasn't provided any positive outcomes for our street to date as far as storm water is concerned.
Online Submission	I do not support the transfer as we already pay for water use and pay rates to a corrupt council that most of which should be in jail right now.

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Online Submission	I can't see any benefit to me, when my street doesn't even have kerbing and guttering, just a deep ditch outside my house. In fact, San Remo has very little kerbing and guttering, and most of the water from storms just runs down the roads.
Online Submission	Council's water business was simplified in 2024 so it was no longer regulated by two different legislations. Transitional arrangements were put in place as part of the Amendment Act to provide Council sufficient time to act under these regular processes. Council's financial situation should continue to be managed according to the regular processes within the Local Government Act and in consultation with the local community. Council has already increased its income from combined rates by about 39% in the four years up to 2024. Council is already asking IPART for a 8 per cent water rate rise to take effect from 2026-27. Rather than slapping ratepayers, Council should be pursuing efficiency and productivity improvements. If Council were more efficient, they could absorb the drainage transfer without slamming ratepayers yet again.
Online Submission	We get charged for something that is not even in operation for a lot of residents. The northern end of the coast will never get the services needed so our future. Council claims the money we pay is for the future services. This money just disappears in council. Would love to see a breakdown of where all the money has going since council implemented these bogus charges
Online Submission	Council are not delivering appropriate services
Online Submission	Council has already asked the LG minister for support on this and been advised that this should not be done, and to manage their funds accordingly. Council has already increased rates much higher than CPI over the last 5 years, and plans to increase them further above CPI and also requesting to increase water rates well over CPI for the next 5 years. Submitting this change at a cost to council (who is funded solely by rate payers) should not be undertaken, and further - allowing this change would be a gross mismanagement by IPART. The state government changed the legislation to remove the ability for council to charge this which was the correct decision, and should be left at that.
Online Submission	I live in the older section of Gwandalan and we do not have any storm water or kerb and guttering in our street.As my house sits at the bottom of a hill when we get heavy rain the water builds up from unmaintained drainage along the roadside belonging to the council and subsequently the water has no where to go but down my driveway flooding my garage.Until ALL of the older sections of Gwandalan has kerb and guttering and stormwater installed this is an unfair proposal from council to transfer charges onto residents rates.Council should be looking at the whole suburb not concentrating souley on the new developments in town.
Online Submission	I don t agree. You will increase our bills. It won t lower anyone's water bill and you will eventually increase our land rates. There is a cost of living crisis many families are struggling to pay keep a roof over there heads. Wages are not increasing yet our bills are it doesn't make sense. Enough is enough. The council makes millions of the people, yet we have an open drain out the front that you can t even send anyone to clean out. We v had to do OT even though I rang and it wasn't draining properly now it s running great because we cleaned it. Yet you want to raise our bills for what to put it in your pockets?

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Online Submission	We currently pay this charge but have no footpath/kerb or guttering nor streetlights or footpaths. With no street frontage I do not feel we have received value from council for the years we have paid this surcharge.
Online Submission	If it is unlawful in one area, council should not be finding another loop hole to charge this to its consumers. People pay enough in rates and water rates as it is and this should already be included for rate payers, not at an addition. Cost of living is a crisis for anyone, council should welcome to opportunity to support its rate payers and do something to reduce this and help their rate payers. Not to mention rates have continued to go climb regardless. I have also never seen council out here doing any of what they claim. This end of the central coast is the least serviced by this council. Any reduction in costs will be a benefit and a help to its consumers and any good council would want to pass this on to its consumers.
Online Submission	I oppose transferring the Stormwater Drainage Charge from water bills to rate notices. While Council claims there is no net increase, embedding this charge into general rates reduces transparency and makes future increases harder to track. Residents deserve clarity on what they are funding. This change also raises equity concerns. A uniform rate rise impacts property owners differently, whereas other NSW councils use flat or area-based stormwater fees for fairness and simplicity. Council should follow best practice and retain the charge as a distinct line item rather than merging it into rates. Stormwater management is essential, but funding must remain transparent and accountable. I urge Council to adopt a clear, separate levy and consult the community fully before implementing this change.
Online Submission	The overall responsibility of disbursement of funds is controlled by 2 separate entities which could result in corrupt practices.
Online Submission	I do not support this as it will allow for future increases and I already object to paying this fee because you provide NOTHING in my street despite constant requests for curb and guttering and correct stormwater facilities. Do better!
Online Submission	I don't support transferring Stormwater to our rates. I feel we already pay enough to council in rates. I don't think the council is spending our money wisely now. I fail to see why you would be charging for stormwater as pipes are already there and water runs into the waterways with very little work being undertaken. We were advised before the amalgamation many years ago that Wyong Council had the funds to upgrade Lucinda Ave with tree removals and kerb and guttering. Still to this day nothing done and Lucinda Avenue is just breaking up with the occasional potholes roughly filled. All residents down here feel we are being unaccounted for, time for things to change
Online Submission	As a pensioner I use \$70 of water but my bill is \$380. The council needs to find savings not keep charging.
Online Submission	I don't have any curb or gutter, in fact no one in our suburb has a curb or a gutter so what am I paying for? Further to this have you seen the size of the potholes, especially in Elabana Ave. Please build me a curb for me to pay the fee.
Online Submission	I have zero drainage from the council.
Online Submission	Is not necessary

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Online Submission	I don't even understand why I pay this when my area has no kerbs and gutters at all, which means there is no storm water fee applicable. Sure it's ok if you have kerbs and gutters but we don't. Hundreds of houses in chain valley bay simply don't have something you want us to pay for. It's not right.
Online Submission	I object to Council's proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from water bills to general rates. While legislative changes require a new collection method, this does not justify transferring an unusually high charge. Central Coast residents already pay a stormwater charge far higher than most NSW councils (~\$25/year). Moving it into rates risks an inequitable and non-comparable burden. The change reduces transparency. Currently, the charge is itemised; including it in rates obscures cost and weakens accountability. Stormwater benefits vary across the region, so spreading costs through rates is unfair. Once in general rates, the charge will be hard to reduce or review, with no safeguards. Fairer alternatives, like charge reduction, staged alignment with NSW norms, or retaining a separate levy, should be explored. I urge Council not to proceed in its current form.
Online Submission	Including the stormwater charge from water bill to rates would mean an additional amount that will also be subject to future inevitable increases.
Online Submission	Bills have increased too much over the last few years.
Online Submission	I don't want it transferred to my rates bill. This is expensive enough, and if the stormwater drainage charge is put onto our rates, then that's more money I'll need to find, to pay my rates bill.
Online Submission	I question whether the council has clearly shown that the stormwater charge is necessary and cannot be funded from existing revenue. Stormwater management is a core service and should be funded within the existing rate cap. I suggest that the council should explore cost savings or alternative funding sources before increasing rates. There are affordability concerns, especially for vulnerable ratepayers. The increase may cause hardship or is disproportionate compared to benefits. Can the council provide clear, accessible information about: How much will be raised. How funds will be spent. The long-term plan for stormwater infrastructure.
Online Submission	Council have mismanaged ratepayers funds for vanity projects and other nonsense - ratepayers should not be footing the bill for mismanagement of council funds. If I mismanaged funds at the company I worked for - I would be fired and potentially have criminal charges laid against me - why is it that councillors are allowed to get off scot free and pass their ineptness onto us the ratepayer?
Online Submission	Rates already cost enough per quarter. Don't add this onto it! Where do we even see that this money is spent on our actual storm water drainage network sustainability, or are we paying for all the new drainage built for new estates. Never seen any maintenance work in my own estate on the stormwater drainage system. So how often do council have to "Manage" this network. I feel council get enough and still parks and roundabouts look unkept. We already cop \$300 per quarter for Sewer/Stormwater/water services. A reduction for council wouldn't be an issue if they spend it properly in the first place, or made all people 'maintaining our area' accountable for time spent and effort put into the jobs they are doing.

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Online Submission	We as rate water payers pay astronomical amounts to have the water connected and for services, an amount far above our actual usage. As rate payers we don't see anything improving with roads (fixing pot holes nor infrastructure) yet get charge a ridiculous amount. We shouldn't be expected to pay for something if legislation is changing. What service will actually be improved at some point in the near future??
Online Submission	Rates have increased and with the water rates included with the rates payment, older residents will have a larger payment each quarter rather than the existing spread of rates & water payments throughout the year.
Online Submission	Your letter doesn't advise that you have applied to IPART to increase the water rates by 8%. Or that you are considering two IPART determinations. You haven't provided all the information to the rate payers in order for us to make an informed decision
Online Submission	Drainage charge on top of normal rates is a over the top .. the water bill im getting as it stands is \$300 a month .. way over the top as it is.
Online Submission	I don't trust council not to continually increase the stormwater charges along with the continual rate increases
Online Submission	They way you are selling this is not fully transparent, you want drainage/stormwater added to rates so you can have it tied to Rate increases that are already out of control As usual poor performance by council Go back to Council under admin i say, didn't always like what was said but at least more honesty
Online Submission	I have a water tank and manage the majority of my own drainage.
Online Submission	This charge is inappropriate for inclusion with general rates. If a water related charge is to be made, it needs to fit the criteria for the appropriate type of billing, ie water bill.
Online Submission	As I am a pensioner I don't think I should have to pay and I don't understand why some people pay and some don't.
Online Submission	Rates have gone up too much. I do not accept a transfer.
Online Submission	My residential address in Budgewoi and on a corner block in a street with no guttering or drainage systems. Due to the corner block, I have an extended area of council land I must maintain from weeds and overgrown grass, to which I constantly have to mow and maintain at my own personal time and expense. So, it is with this in mind I question what for and why I am paying a stormwater drainage fee when I am not provided either drainage system or even clear council strip free from grass and debris.
Online Submission	We do not have drainage so i shouldn't have to pay for it! No kerbside gutters. Our water gets absorbed by the land and believe that should be free!
Online Submission	Your plan to move from one illegal method to another to charge the same rates is ridiculous. The rates increase is enough to cover the difference!
Online Submission	All rates are not providing a quality of service that should be expected from what we are currently paying. Council should seek funding from State and Federal Government's to not only maintain current storm water services but improve on what is in place to restore Tuggerah lake.

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Online Submission	Because we don't have curb and guttering so get absolutely nothing for this charge, as for reducing the council's income they do nothing with the money they get except waste it!
Online Submission	Legislation is changing for a valid reason. Asking ratepayers for permission to create a loophole like this is fraudulent. Manage our paid rates properly instead.
Online Submission	Just another way to rip rate payers off. When council went into liquidation it cost the rate payers as a result of council finances incompetence! We are still paying! Fair go! We rate payers have had enough of this council !
Online Submission	I do not support this charge nor this change. Our town gets the bare minimum attention from Council as it is. A lot of properties do not have kerb and guttering / adequate storm water drainage and it does not justify the charges we are being forced to pay. You keep approving developments with no change to the infrastructure and this has a major impact on residents with no actual concern from Council. We are the forgotten North and I vote NO.
Online Submission	What stormwater drainage? Many streets have no curb & guttering. They have badly maintained dirt. Without curb & gutter the edges of the roads collapse, yet more pot holes are created. If we have always been paying this fee why don't we have gutters? Or is it used to maintain the "better" areas? Sick of paying for services that we get zero benefit from. How about an audit. Amount this fee raises Vs exactly where & what drainage it's paid for?! Due to total lack of any drainage 1 of my rooms has flooded more times than I can count. 1st complaint, 4 houses had the dirt scrapped away. 2nd complaint the high side spoon drain was FINALLY dug out and low side dirt scrapped away. This should be at least a 2 yearly exercise in street maintenance. Not just when I complaint. Isn't that the very definition of maintenance? & NOW I find out we pay a MAINTENANCE fee! No don't transfer it. Don't charge it. Do your job. Split the coast. Make Gosford return Wyong's money so our streets are fixed.
Online Submission	Believe council is actually trying to put TWO increases through. Council have not explained why water rates will still go up by around 10% I calculated and not down after switching the charge
Online Submission	My family has resided in Gorokan since 1964 during since time there has been minimal stormwater management my driveway is still being eating away by stormwater run off, a small sinkhole was recently discovered while road repair was being undertaken due to the lack of stormwater run off during storm events. My water bill averages \$300 a quarter with approx. \$40 charged for actual water supply the remaining charges are service charges. It places financial stress on households without benefit. The merger of Wyong and Gosford Councils and the construction of Mardi to Mangrove and the Mardi to Warnervale water infrastructure projects has cost local residents millions in revenue. Financial mismanagement, political brinksmanship and rapid development has impacted the quality of life on the Coast. Council should focus on efficiency, such as reducing staff levels, minimising spending

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	on IT programmes and poor procurement practices instead of requesting increases in rates and charges.
Online Submission	Will only charge us more, if not now, then in the future.
Online Submission	There is no storm water draining on my side of the road the currant drainage on opposite Side causes my property to flood no maintance is done
Online Submission	Council have applied for increase in rates above the rate peg yet again so we will end up paying significantly more with this charge transferred. Rates are becoming unattainable for older long term citizens.
Online Submission	Because you have shown me that you do not know how to manage funds and each time you mismanage our rates for your own personal gain we get punished. We are currently 1 of the highest paying rates council's in NSW with places like Bondi paying less than us. I say no time for council to take a pay cut and stop hitting rate payers for money every time. People are already struggling to pay their mortgages, electricity, put food on the table, also struggling with rates and you want more money. I say no
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Online Submission	I don't see why I should even have to pay it as we don't even have curb and guttering!
Online Submission	I DO NOT support this change however I do propose that Council find other effective financial efficiencies to continue to fund essential stormwater drainage services for their ratepayers.

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Online Submission	I do not support paying for a Stormwater fee at all. Council has NOT provided stormwater services to many areas and we are currently paying for a service for which we are not being provided. We have NO kerb and guttering on our street, and several of our neighbours' front verges become flooded and damaged every time it rains. Yet when any of us contact Council for answers, we are told that if rain falls then it is on our private property and therefore our problem. However, we are still expected to pay for non-existent infrastructure which is supposed to alleviate "our problem". Further, where it is provided, it is often badly maintained or poorly installed and floods the roadways, causing more issues. Anyone driving through Tascott and Gosford can attest to the awful design of the drainage. If Council was actually prepared to utilise the funds for providing ACTUAL and EFFECTUAL services, then I would support it. Until such time, I do not support the Stormwater charge in ANY form.
Online Submission	How can you charge my property for stormwater and drainage when there is no feasible or safe drainage on the street ? It just runs onto the road and causes debris and safety concerns. You can't charge someone for a service that you don't even provide properly. You need to act reasonably practicable and you fail on that part.
Online Submission	Better to transfer the charge than lose the funding and have to reduce other services.
Online Submission	Council don't attend to any drainage issues on our street, with flooding impacting areas very seriously and meaning people can't leave their homes. Adding it to rates and impacting even further with %rises adds insult to injury. Residents need to see what's being done in their local area in real time as council seems to keep taking money and not fixing the issues that are reported constantly.
Online Submission	I do not want the Council Stormwater Drainage charge \$ component to also have an annual % increase cost added on to it ie as the Rates component already has now.
Online Submission	Less money for the council is great news. All they do is mismanage funds. Jobs for mates, siphon money. Insanely corrupt.
Online Submission	Why should I be stuck paying more on my rates when the council cant fix any local roads that I drive daily, all they do is dodgy patch holes that in the end makes it worse. Not only that we don't have curb gutter like the rest of our street so the storm water has washed away the road out the front of my house causing a gully (worse further down the road) I should be stuck paying more on rates when I live in the neglected end of the coast
Online Submission	No, I would prefer to reduce my water bill and have that money for me to decide where I would need to spend it for my cost of living. The council rates in our area are already substantial. If you have need of additional funding for water and stormwater then that should be funded within our normal council rates. If a special levy is required for additional works then I would expect that that is raised and consulted through the normal processes as a 1 off- not just taking money from a different bill across in perpetuity

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Online Submission	There is a reason why it is no longer legislative to be on my water bill. I would prefer that money in my pocket so that I can spend it unnecessary cost of living as a pensioner. If the council feels they have need of these additional funds for something to do with council work then they should fund that accordingly within their budget for our rates and if a special Living needs to be raised then they can expect to send a notice out explaining that special levy Every other council seems to manage their cost of water and drainage and stormwater adequately and without additional costs every year, why can't Gosford?
Online Submission	Your are trying to over rule IPART
Online Submission	I do not support this change as you will be transferring a money that is dedicated to water services to a general rates bill which means I will never reduce my general weight bill and you may then decide to use that money for other things that I don't agree with I would prefer a one off levy to fix the problem and then the money is gone not for you to transfer the money in perpetuity to re-raise my rate bill There is a reason the government is not allowing for it to be on the water bill any more. It is no longer required to be captured. If the council needs to organise to fund key services in our area. Then they need to put that on their works and funded accordingly Not just try and take the money from an old bill across.
Online Submission	Lack of trust in transparency of our Council, leads to concerns in more costs or increases in the cost to manage stormwater drainage processes. Lack of trust that our council will mismanage the process, ultimately costing rate payers more. We have been hit with increases due to council mismanagement, therefore we do not trust that they will manage ANY funds appropriately, must less implement this change.
Online Submission	Central coast council finding another way to screw over the community half of the coast has no storm water. Reduce the CEO'S Salary when your looking for savings. Our services do not warrant their salaries. Every road on the coast needs redoing. Parks are crap, teenagers have nothing to do. Are we employing these CEO's to constantly drive up pricing with no savings. STOP RIPPING US OFF you're quality of service is not worth the money.
Online Submission	I have lived at the same property for 15 years and all maintenance to the stormwater drainage out the front of house has been completed by myself. This has included digging out the drains during storms where the overflow has been coming across our driveway washing it away. I resent having to pay a charge that is of no benefit to me or anyone in my street
Online Submission	Lack of transparency about the implications of the change, what Council should have done with the money to date, intended increase in water rates this year or what they will deliver if they do have continued access to these funds. This just seems a self serving exercise and a money grab.
Online Submission	Council has already applied to IPART for permission to increase our water charges as well as our rates going up every year from a previous IPART application. Our council has a serious lack of financial planning and management that we the rate payers are constantly have to pay for. Councillors and the CEO all got pay rises and yet we still have to pay more for basic services that they can't afford to provide. I believe the Council needs to appropriately manage their funds and use the large amount of

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	money that we the rate payers pay every year to provide the stormwater service. We pay some of the highest rates in the country yet our council cannot manage to fund the services the rates are supposed to cover. If the Stormwater charge is moved to our rates it will then increase every year with the IPART approved yearly increase on these rates. This is unacceptable, with the cost of living crisis Central Coast rate payers pockets are empty. I do not agree with moving the Stormwater charge
Online Submission	This is just another money grab. First it will be the same price then increases and increases and then it's the same price as water rates. Sewage has always been a water charge. We don't want it as a separate rate.
Online Submission	What is the point of changing how it is paid? My property doesn't have storm water, floods when there is heavy rain however I still pay storm water fees.
Online Submission	Council has already applied to IPART for permission to increase our water charges as well as our rates going up every year from a previous IPART application. Our council has a serious lack of financial planning and management that we the rate payers are constantly have to pay for. The councillors and the CEO all got pay rises and yet we still have to pay more for basic services that they can't afford to provide. I believe the Council needs to appropriately manage their funds and use the large amount of money that we the rate payers pay every year to provide the stormwater service. We pay some of the highest rates in the country yet our council cannot manage to fund the services the rates are supposed to cover. If the Stormwater charge is moved to our rates it will then increase every year with the IPART approved yearly increase on these rates. This is unacceptable, with the cost of living crisis Central Coast rate payers pockets empty. I do not agree with moving the Stormwater charge.
Online Submission	Transferring this to the rates notice will just result in the drainage charge constantly increasing along with rates but with no increased service being delivered.
Online Submission	I do not support this
Online Submission	These need to be kept separate I do not support the proposed transfer
Online Submission	Council do nothing now for the rate payers of Davistown in regards to stormwater drainage. As someone who has to pay double due to having a Granny flat (for personal not profit) on our property, it is outrageous that we are charged twice now for absolutely no service what so ever. Therefore we will not support this transfer. Central Coast Council needs to step up and do a lot better and stop charging rate payers for services they do not provide, especially in suburbs like Davistown!!!!
Online Submission	It seems to be one of those things that puzzle the average punter like myself but if it helps on the council's end then go for it. I also would support council exploring alternatives to hard kerb and gutter depending on the location. Stormwater soaking into the ground is the best way but not always an option.
Online Submission	I am not connected to stormwater so should not be paying for it!
Online Submission	I do not believe it should be changed from water and added to rate notice
Online Submission	Stormwater drainage isn't maintained by council anyway, we should not be charged for something council doesn't take care of.

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Online Submission	I do not agree to adding extra charges to the expensive land rates I am currently paying.
Online Submission	Coastal infrastructure clearly needs ongoing maintenance, and we can't keep letting waterways be polluted. I just hope the funding is being spent wisely and that contracts are being awarded fairly and transparently.
Online Submission	No- I don't support this.
Online Submission	You do not maintain the OPEN storm drain.
Online Submission	You have never done any storm water maintenance and we have open storm drains here. Sort it out
Online Submission	I don't agree we pay enough money to council and they don't do anything with that as last I looked all the council owners areas are overgrown branches falling on properties so I don't believe the work will be done.
Online Submission	Although no increase this year in subsequent years this will more than likely reflect a higher % increase. I do not have faith in Councils overall money management capabilities
Online Submission	council already charges through its special levies funding a council that is out of control with lazy employees who hide out in parks for the last couple hours of there shifts. Council neefs to becone more efficient with its money and resources. council needs to manage its money appropriately and stop slugging the rate payers because spending is out of control at the council and manage its finances and live with in its means. iam not a cash machine for the council everytime it cries poor. how about the council refund the money they took from ratepayers to pay employees entitlements? out source repairs instead of doing it all in house.
Online Submission	I have no kerb and guttering where I live. Why should I pay for this?? Been paying for years without any improvements at all
Online Submission	I don't have kerb and gutter after 5 years or asking. Why do I need to pay
Online Submission	We do not even have water to our property and nor do we have kerb and guttering in our street. We shouldn't even be billed at all!!!
Online Submission	I do support the change. I currently do not pay the charge since the property isn't connected to stormwater or sewer grid. I will certainly keep an eye on my rates to ensure I am not charged under the proposed changes.
Online Submission	Alot of the coast has drainage issue ie: no kerb and guttering for stormwater. If these charges over the last 20 years haven't gone to rectifying this issue then where has it gone?.. misappropriated fund that led our council in millions of dollars in debt.
Online Submission	I don't have kerb and gutters so I don't use the service, why am I being charged for a service not available to myself?
Online Submission	I agree, to support the proposed transfer of the Drainage Charge from my water bill to my rate notice. With no increase to the amount charged as a result of the transfer and service levels maintained.

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Online Submission	I should not have to pay any stormwater charge as the water in Margot Avenue runs not into the stormwater drain but down & through my property. There is no kerb or gutters here either to direct the water into the storm drain So I should not be paying at all. Why should I pay for a service that is not provided.
Online Submission	You mismanaged our rates and council went bankrupt. How about you use your heads and cut wastful spending instead on making the people suffer? Eat a bag of dicks, you do not have my support for this action.
Online Submission	I would prefer to keep it the same as it has be for the last 28 years we have lived in glenning valley
Online Submission	As above
Online Submission	We should not being charged this at all We don't have storm water
Online Submission	I don't see why we have to pay for water that we collect in our water tanks.Alot of residents are under the same impression. We get absolutely no services for the rates we pay, can't even take our rubbish anywhere
Online Submission	It is perfectly logical that stormwater infrastructure should come under the same assets and infrastructure services budget as other council assets and be divorced from utility services. This would allow stormwater augmentation and drainage service maintenance to be more clearly visible in the Council's general budget. While the need for legislative change is understood, there should have been a "no detriment" provision in the legislative change, so that the stormwater revenue stream would not be at risk, due to a "Special Variation" process imposed by the independent regulator, allowing ratepayers to potentially vote down a "no net cost change" transfer. The time of year of this process may result in a statistically deficient number of ratepayers responding "yes" to this proposal. (I formerly worked in Canberra City Engineering, Independent Utility Regulator, ACT Govt; Assets & Infrastructure Services at Randwick City Council and NSW Department of Water & Energy.)
Online Submission	Council hasn't disclosed that they have already applied for an increase to pricing prior to distributing their documents. This means that the statement that residents won't pay any more in costs is not correct and potentially misleading.
Online Submission	In 2012/13 rates bills the council split the water rates from the general rates notice to avoid accountability for an excessive rate increase of 20.8% 5 (times the IPART approved increase). Changing the billing structure is not an acceptable practice and is used to hide rate increases.
Online Submission	Go for it.....
Online Submission	If this will happen the next step is to for the State Government to privatise lwater and that will make water more expensive as it'll be required to leave a profit as the rest of the commodities. The water is not a 'commodity' it is the property of the community. So far whatever was privatised became more expansive for the working people, like electricity, the banks, post office, telephones act. I know you will tell me is the State Government not the Council, in this case the State government should tell the people not the Council. I believe people will not accept this.

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Online Submission	Council is doing good we are happy to get better services to upgrade our living circumstances
Online Submission	I support the above. Less paper, less work for council staff.
Online Submission	This doesn't affect me at all as I make payments in advance towards rates and water fortnightly.
Online Submission	Why should i for something i dont have
Online Submission	I do not support this change with potential risks for further rate increases. We already pay extremely high rates and are still paying off special rate increases to cover council's mismanagement of funds and debt. Ratepayers desperately need financial relief - our wages aren't increasing at the same pace as our rates! Further to this, in the very northern suburbs of central coast we have no kerbs and gutters, with storm water pooling on our streets and eroding our roads look at Yeramba Road. There are some drainage pits located around the suburbs, but this is not adequate infrastructure Why continue to pay for non-existent services? I live on a 10 acre block and pay exorbitant rates for garbage collection only no kerb, gutter nor storm water at all . Council needs to better manage their funds. Concentrate on essential services, roads, kerbs, bus stops, parks . The north end of the coast is severely neglected by Council since the amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils
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Online Submission	I agree with the proposal to ensure council has sufficient funds to maintain services

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Online Submission	I honestly have no idea how you charge any bill for stormwater. Infrastructure in my area is so bad that stormwater from other houses dams my property and has affected my foundations and driveway causing tens of thousands of dollars. This council has become a circus that continues to pilfer from hard working families and the only thing we see in return is continued upgrades to Terrigal and a few kids parks upgraded after decades of neglect. Every street should have kerb and gutter and a council that can maintain the grass verge and footpaths.
Online Submission	I don't support it because we don't have any gutters or anything in San Remo so why should I be charged for something I don't have
Online Submission	because it gives Council opportunities to increase fees
Online Submission	I don't like theses changes and I believe that this will be used by council to manipulate higher rates.
Online Submission	I don't really care about transfer the stormwater drainage charge from water bill to rates notices..because we aren't still paying the stormwater service bills. I only concerned about the higher water bills and services fees which are more than \$780 per quart. Since 2020 council has increased water rates and services fees to the water bills X 2 because of the granny flat in the back yard. I do not agree with the increased two times charges for one house hold policy at all, it's too much for me to pay the two times water bills every quarter. The highest water bill I have paid this year was \$926. I hope council will be consider and take action to reducing the service fees and stormwater fees asap.
Online Submission	I have lived in the San Remo area for over 20 years and there is NO stormwater drainage, nor kerb and guttering in my street or the surrounding streets so WHY do we have to pay for something that we have never been deemed privileged enough to have, when others have it and have had it for years??? Why should we pay so others can benefit from our rates! So I would like it abolished completely OR get off your backsides and give us the same as the more "affluent" suburbs have - if its good enough to take our rate money then its good enough to give us equal in return! We are on the Northern end of the CCCC Area and as such are always forgotten about until we fail to pay our rates and then we are held to ransom by the CCCC because they didn't get our money - WELL, give us what we have well and truly paid for, for many years! Start treating us like Gosford CC people are treated and do it equally for all areas!
Online Submission	Due to the past mismanagement of funds and the typical position of the central coast council to spend the majority of the funds on the south end of the central coast. Or for wasting money on ridiculous things like \$100k art installations, when there are other areas that need to be addressed first. I am saying No to paying for any fees I don't have too until the council takes fiscal responsibility, and gets things in order.
Online Submission	Since there is no proposed increase in the charge, I can see no reason to oppose the change which allows Council to comply with the Water Management Act 2000.
Online Submission	You say this won't increase water rates just like you said going to quarterly bills wouldn't. I now pay quarterly what we previously paid half yearly. So how can council be believed. Why should I pay for a service that I don't receive. We have no access to storm water, having to pay thousands of dollars to retain water on our property, whilst others have access. So why are we subsidising those with access to storm water drainage? If it was any other company they would be in breach of consumer law charging for a services

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	not provided. You say this will better fund new infrastructure and maintain current infrastructure (which we have none). Can you therefore tell me what your plans are to give us access to properly drain water from our property and the flow-in effect to our neighbours that cop the run-off. And what about the promises made 25 years ago to upgrade drainage infrastructure for Albert Street Wagstaffe residents. Council makes no effect to maintain street drainage to a joke
Online Submission	I am paying to much for Gosford council for the amount of work they provide Wyoming area.
Online Submission	I do not support the transition of the charge as the funds are not used or shown to be used for stormwater sustainability. I live in Wyongah where the stormwater goes straight to Tuggerah lake through stormwater channels I have made a number of submissions re the state of stormwater channel the rubbish that traverses the channel and neglect and safety of the channel. Nothing has been done I was advised it was a minor water course and therefore not a priority. I do agree with paying this at all unless it is shown where and how it is used to support the water system, the lakes that eventually wear the consequences of neglect and suggest council find another way to support what they are doing with this money as its not storm water management or sustainability.
Online Submission	I support Council's proposal to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from the water bill to the rates notice. This change will make it easier for Council to plan, fund, and deliver essential upgrades to the stormwater drainage network. Consolidating the charge within the rates system provides a more stable and predictable revenue stream, allowing maintenance and infrastructure improvements to be carried out more efficiently. It also ensures that funding for stormwater services grows in line with Council's overall rate income, supporting long-term investment in resilient drainage systems. Overall, this adjustment strengthens Council's ability to manage stormwater infrastructure responsibly and sustainably.
Online Submission	Have been paying for over 15 years have no gutters to manage stormwater and don't believe when introduced it won't rise yearly.
Online Submission	Central Coast residents need the Council to stay solvent
Online Submission	Given the prior financial management history of the council; they are not capable of efficiently using their current income and so giving them more money would be a complete waste. The answer is for council to learn how to eliminate waste and use the income efficiently.
Online Submission	With the constant increase in rates over and above what was proposed I think the funds for this can be found elsewhere and alleviate the charge from rates.
Online Submission	Please improve the taste of the water if we are required to pay extra levies for water management (it is not at the quality of Sydney Water)

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Online Submission	Well, I've got rainwater tanks. Most of my storm water actually goes into a rainwater tank. Where I collect it very rarely. It overflows also when it does overflow, it runs it down the street down the road into Womble lagoon. False's creek first and the wonder lagoon. Um, there's no pipework or hardly anything infrastructure being put in. There's no extra drainage for rubbish or anything like that. You hardly ever clean out the pipe work with drains, on the other side to road. Why should we pay money? Which doesn't get used
Online Submission	We don't have stormwater drainage it just either floods and goes into ourimbah creek and lake ..most the street don't even have gutters just little channels dug in some of the. Bush land by locals to try and drain water from houses, so why should we pay for something we don't /will never have?
Online Submission	I pay a ridiculous amount in rates already for very little. We have no main water, sporadic garbage service and the roads up here are dangerous. So \$10k in rates per year currently buys me very little. So I don't want any more fees charges or anything else you have in mind. Just do things more efficiently.
Online Submission	just another way of increasing rates. there is no guttering in some streets at empire bay yet you charge on the water bills.
Online Submission	We don't have any infrastructure such as road drainage pipes anywhere within cooee to our address
Online Submission	I don't even have gutters in my street and my driveway and street floods with a tiny shower of rain- what drainage am I even paying for -Woy Woy
Online Submission	The State Government changed the legislation for a reason. That reason did not include council just finding another way to charge the Rate Payers.
Online Submission	I have not seen any new services in a worse range of areas to stormwater. Many areas of the coast do not have curb and guttering and stormwater system and the water currently runs off to the grass. This money has been wasted for many years. This is about mismanagement of funds more than not having money to do maintenance.
Online Submission	Absolutely not. Find the money some other way instead of charging us something that the legislation says you can not charge.
Online Submission	We don't have curb and gutters so why should we pay this money grab. Been here for 40 years and nothing has been done they don't even fix the gutters that are dirt to stop water running into property
Online Submission	Rates have gone up enough over last few years
Online Submission	I don't want this change. I don't have curb and guttering in my street so why should I even pay for this. My street is eroding constantly. One neighbour parks basically on the street because of the damage done by runoff. Its councils loss for not providing the service you charge us for
Online Submission	We don't see the storm water drains being maintained by council in our street, in fact it is the residents that do all the work here.
Online Submission	My house has been here for over 70 years, we do not have kerb and guttering and there is no upkeep to the existing drains. The subdivision has been here since 1908 and no kerb and guttering has been provided. I do not support the transfer or in fact any charge for drainage unless provided.
Online Submission	Never had curb and guttering, no drainage and no evidence of maintenance on large stormwater drainage.

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Online Submission	Our street does not have Kerb gutter or any drainage! Why should we be paying this?
Online Submission	We are self sufficient in water and drainage. Council provides nothing in terms of water, drainage and sewerage. We pay a fee for the compost toilet. It is unfair that we pay anything for water or drainage.
Online Submission	The council rates are already exorbitant, they should absorb this cost
Online Submission	We have lived at our place for 21 years. We currently have NO storm water management! No drains, no kerbs, nothing! My Neighbours and I have complained to council about the damage storm water does and we're told there would be an increase in service to the street up the road before it flows down to us. This either has not occurred or has made no difference. I have video and photos of the rain that comes off the street into our property showing the uncontrolled nature and lack of drainage. The idea of council charging me for storm water drainage is offensive. I should be charging council as my and my Neighbour's houses are where the stormwater goes through when it rains. Causing damage! If we had drains or the water was managed so it flowed to drains I would accept the idea. But this is not the case.
Online Submission	Central Coast Council has some of the highest rates in Australia already. I do not support this charge based on the poor performance of the council in providing real value to rate payers. Bloated salaries, disgraceful roads, run down state of Gosford and increasing unit populations without renewed infrastructure or planning for how traffic will be managed. Many residents on the coast are on pensions and the loading of fix costs and CPI increase are causing real cost of living pressures. Rate payers are not cash cows to fund an inept council whose inflated salaries speak for themselves. That is where the savings lie together with charges on new developments where units sell for record amounts and developers scrape off record profits. The reputation of this council stinks. No transferring or hiding charges enough is enough.
Online Submission	Transfer is a disgrace. Stormwater is a WATER SERVICE, there are no other words for it. There is no need to waste our m by creating more admin legislation expenses. Leave it as it correctly is.
Online Submission	Already pay additional funding from last impart application for your previous debt, use this.
Online Submission	Our rent is already through the roof here. To the point most families are one missed pay away from being homeless any given week. Adding this to rates will be passed onto us as well as tenants and we simply can not afford this. The charge has been removed from water doesn't mean you can add it back elsewhere. But I'm sure you'll find another way to charge something extra and make rate payers cover yet another failure of council.
Online Submission	If legislation says so, ok.
Online Submission	Why should I even be charged for storm water drainage when my street floods at the mere thought of rain. It has nowhere to go so what am I paying for? Absolute joke. How about some curb and guttering first!!!

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Online Submission	I have given up trying to follow the myriad ways you have of constantly increasing our rates. Now you have managed to get more money by manipulating the ways to get it. You already are charging us extra in the water rates and moving these away from those rates bills(usage incr 17.8%,water incr by 8%,incr sewerage service...all the large bill amounts). So I want to"voice my opinion"(not that you ever listen...I have read all the submissions on your previous attempts to get more money),but ,as per usual,this will go ahead.You're just wasting money by jumping through the hoops.Im fed up.
Online Submission	I do not believe that this legislative change should result in an ongoing or reallocated financial burden on ratepayers.
Online Submission	We prefer to receive two separate bills every quarter (Rates and Water) rather than one larger combined bill per quarter. That way we can spread the cost more easily with less impact to our finances.
Online Submission	Absolutely not. Half of the central coast has no kerb and gutter. 2 parraelle beside are an egg. Why should residents pay for any infrastructure, when you have never done anything to add in infrastructure. Central coast council do not add or upgrade anything on the north side of the coast. We residents cannot even get the council to maintain roundabouts, or reaseal our roads. So a definite no to transfer this charge to my land rates.
Online Submission	When ever Council transfers a charge its only so that they can increase their revenue by masking it. Nothing gets done regarding Drainage services anyway. I put in a service request to clear a blocked stormwater drain and, even though I have rang Council twice since to complain that it had not been followed up, nothing has been done. Very negligent I feel if the drain overflows houses could be flooded.
Online Submission	I support the proposal on the condition that the charge is a flat rate and not attached to the UCV. Otherwise, the promise of no change to the overall payment would not be correct.
Online Submission	I believe it should be illegal to have to pay for a service that isn't provided, I do not have stormwater maintained by council. Maybe those with stormwater should pay for the service but those that don't have the service should pay nothing.
Online Submission	I don't agree as it gives you the opportunity to up the rate.
Online Submission	Since purchasing our home in Ettalong Beach in 2010, we have been paying the Stormwater Drainage Charge for the last 15 years!! The only stormwater drainage available to us over all this time has just been the natural absorption of water through the ground. I would like to know when (and if) our area will ever see the benefits of our contributions.
Online Submission	Constant rises and not a lot of output. I strongly oppose this
Online Submission	If it was an ineligible charge in the first place, changing it to central revenue will be no better. Once it's in central revenue there will no guarantee it will be spent appropriately.
Online Submission	A reduction in fees will help partially offset the recent significant increases that ratepayers have had to bear because of past gross mismanagement of council funds

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Online Submission	We also do not have any council stormwater systems on or near our property, so this charge gives us no benefit The council collects enough revenue that is badly spent, they don't need more, become more efficient
Online Submission	Playing catch up on previous overspending
Online Submission	I live in Tuggerawong on a road that has absolutely no drainage and council never does anything about it. I have sent numerous emails about the poor drainage on Warner Ave Tuggerawong. The water sitting on our road for days and weeks causes damage to our road, so we have to deal with a multitude of large potholes spreading across the width of the road, hence they can't be avoided. Council now and then patch up the potholes with poor quality fill, within 2 weeks of repair, the poor quality fill washes away, and the potholes return. The water from minimal rain sits on our road for days and days, sometimes weeks. I don't believe it is fair that homes/roads that do not have stormwater drainage should be paying the stormwater drainage fee. Most of Tuggerawong and surrounding areas do not have stormwater drainage, so why should the residents of these areas be charged a stormwater drainage fee. It must be against many consumer laws. We are not receiving what we pay for.
Online Submission	My observation is that I have seen no evidence that council actually spends this money on stormwater drainage. The drains under the Central Coast Highway in West Gosford, and Wells Street in East Gosford, continue to flood each time it rains. If you intend to charge a special purpose drainage levy, you need to demonstrate that is being used for that purpose. Simply adding it to the rates notice does not achieve this, but hides what (if any) work is done in the big bucket of revenue that is visibly spent on amenities (parks, roads etc) and also on stuff (such as e-bike campaigns) that is arguably outside council's remit.
Online Submission	I support this but request Council to consider dropping the drainage charge from locations such as Cogra Bay which have NO stormwater drainage services and in fact no council services whatsoever. I'm happy to pay rates but surely they could be reduced for locations where we use Hornsby services only.
Online Submission	I fully understand the requirements for Councils to apply the stormwater drainage charge allowed under state legislation to a property owner's rates, as I worked in Council at the time the charge was brought in, and was responsible for its implementation.
Online Submission	Hi as a local rate payer and resident under central coast council I would like to raise several questions regarding the stormwater drainage charge being changed 1) why are the changes being made and why is this deemed necessary? 2) How much will it cost the rate payer in admin costs and or resources for the proposed changes to come into effect 3) Can the council provide any detailed information as to how the proposed changes will be of benefit to council and residents combined
Online Submission	From what I read it is a matter of necessity. Otherwise funds available to Council for services will be reduced substantially.
Online Submission	We should not have to pay this service

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Online Submission	My property does not have curbside gutters or any drainage works by council. My property front & back yard floods every time it rains, this is something I manage, not council. Unless council add appropriate drainage and curbside guttering what is the point in me paying for this? I pay a large amount in these bills already.
Online Submission	I do not have curbside gutters. Every time we have heavy rainfall my yard floods, why would I pay for something which gives me no benefit or my house? We are charged a large amount already for rates and water, I do not agree to this charge being moved unless council will fix the drainage issues at my house.
Online Submission	None of the funds collected are used in the Mannering Park area as all our stormwater discharges into Lake Macquarie. This charge shouldn't be a blanket cost for all ratepayers but instead should only be charged for residential properties that run off into the Tuggerah lakes system. Currently stormwater that runs off my property discharges directly into Lake Macquarie with no investment in pollution infrastructure made by Central Coast Council, Lake Macquarie is managed by Lake Macquarie Council. Our rates are overly inflated as it is and the outlying suburbs that sit on the council boundaries tend to receive the least amount of infrastructure spending as proven by the condition on existing infrastructure. You only need to cross over to Wyee Point to see the stark contrast in the level of service provided by local council.
Online Submission	Concil wouldn't be doing this unless it benefits council. When are rate payers getting a return . From when council was broak, the special leave that was inflicted on us, THR RAT PAYERS. As have read or herd that council . Has applied to government department to make that special leave. A permanent on our rates. It Si like the on site Semitic system level, of course CPI index each year. We pay a company to matain our. Se we shouldn't have pay council to file some electronic or paper. How many systems are there. Council makes huge profit. To pay for one person and car to look after. So give rate payers back oun \$\$\$\$. Instead of inflicting us at every possible opitunity!!@@
Online Submission	I don't believe Bar Point should be included in any water or drainage rates. Bar Point has no hard surface roads nor drainage infrastructure to maintain and should be excluded from water bills totally.
Online Submission	I don't support paying for a Storm Water fee at all. Most suburbs don't have storm water, why are we paying for something we don't have. And you don't even use the money to put the infrastructure in.
Online Submission	I currently pay a significant amount of rates for very little services. I do not support any form of increase in payments.
Online Submission	Council continually put the onus on rate payers to fix mismanagement problems. The stormwater area behind my house has not once been service in the 15 years I have lived here.
Online Submission	just another way to transfer charges and then potentially raising the charges percentage.

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Online Submission	A number of years ago the council rates were raised to a level that put a huge strain on our finances and has always been a strain since. With the rising costs in living it is my strong opinion is that this stormwater drainage charge should be absorbed by the already high council rates. Council should look for savings to offset this cost for example more efficient use of spend on road infrastructure, rather than repeated temporary patches to pot holes. Are poor of management of funds used on initiatives that are not backed by the public, for example the memorial trees that have been installed around the coast, or the overpriced sensory Park on Showground Road.
Online Submission	Council needs to continue the charge to continue drainage works. The money must be specific to drainage works
Online Submission	I am puzzled as to why we have the charge in the first place at this property . We have no stormwater . We have reached out to the council on numerous occasions to have our access road repaired which is in poor condition. You state that the levy is for roads and drainage . I encourage you to turn into Bishendens rd off the ridgeway and get an understanding of the lack of maintenance to the road hence the resentment to pay not only the levy but also rates . Absolutely disgraceful that you should try and justify the need to transfer the levy due to the poor reasoning that you have given . Do something with the levy and rates that is visible to us as a ratepayer . For 6 years we have lived here in this place and there has been absolutely zero spent on this road accessing our property or stormwater . Shameful
Online Submission	Since we have lived here, CCC has charged us this fee even though we have no foot path, gutters nor any stormwater drains. The lack of those has resulted in major and significant damage to our access road and regularly results in damaging flooding- disabling the access of our homes and neither of which has been addressed even when pointed out to council repeatedly. Filling holes with a bit of slapdash bitumen is not addressing the bigger issue at hand. As a matter of fact, councils response was as follows: "The works have deemed to be of low priority and placed on a queue. With consideration to competing priorities, scope of the project, other impacted assets and resources, we cannot provide an estimated time for completion at this time." We see this charge as a complete rip off and totally object to it - whether seperate and most definitely we do not want to see as part of our rate payment.
Online Submission	When council increases their rates each year this portion will increase each year. The council need to monitor and control their spending.
Online Submission	I DON'T Agree for the proposal leave it the way it is!
Online Submission	When the council increases rates each year this will also increase by that percentage. The local council needs to start by looking at how they manage funds. The previous council were not accountable for their wreckless management. I'm sure this current council will do a better job.
Online Submission	Changes to Legislation means Ratepayers Benefits especially after all the INCREASES we have had in past.
Online Submission	Keep it on the water bill. I don't want my budget for rates fees to increase. Council should look at other ways to line their pockets, not by taking from it's people
Online Submission	Na

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Online Submission	I do not want council to reduce other services and do not want council to lose 22 million funding as stormwater is important in our area and I do hope the council uses funds to upgrade certain drains where we have constant flooding and it is hazardous, such as in Springfield Wells Street is a main thoroughfare.
Online Submission	Cost of living is already hard enough. Why would anyone want to keep a charge that we can't afford anyway
Online Submission	This charge is ridiculous I can barely afford food each week to feed my family as it is.
Online Submission	Council need to find other ways to reduce costs. Slugging the tax payer is already too much.
Online Submission	The funds just pad the councillors pockets and don't go towards infrastructure
Online Submission	Whenever something changes, you find a way to make it more expensive. Like when you separated the water, from the rates. We pay way more for water now, than we did when it was one bill. No I don't want this to happen
Online Submission	I don't support it. While an overall reduction in income for council it is an overall savings increase for myself as a home owner. Additionally I do not find the funding the council receives to be well utilised in my area if at all.
Online Submission	I do not believe that people on my street should be charged a stormwater drainage charge on our rates as our streets and the surrounding street do not have stormwater drainage. Our street constantly floods and the lack of stormwater drainage really impacts the residents. We get no council support to combat this, however we are charged a fee for something that we do not receive any type of service from. I wouldn't pay a tolls on roads if I do not use the toll roads, this should be the same. The argument that this money goes into a central fund to support the entire coast is a joke as our insurance premium are huge due to the lack of drainage in our area, and we get no support what so ever for this.
Online Submission	Council has not fixed ongoing stormwater drainage problems where we live in Umina Beach. The street continues to flood during heavy rain, taking hours to drain. As such, why should residents of this street be paying for a service which is not working as intended. Council should instead fix the stormwater drainage issues before asking for more money which seemingly goes nowhere.
Online Submission	Will give Council more money to run services.
Online Submission	NO
Online Submission	My concern is that this charge will now not be paid by tenants when they receive their water bill invoice
Online Submission	I want Council to be more efficient and find ways to reduce costs and charges to residents, not seek ways to constantly increases rates annually. My income does not increase annually or at all and I find it more and more difficult to justify constant increases in Council rates and charges when nothing has varied year on year.

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Online Submission	We currently have the highest rates in NSW. Council never listens to what the people want, only what they want to do. Therefore I reject the application. Until council starts to listen to the people who elected them, I will make Sure that next election I will try to vote new people in who will do what the people want
Online Submission	Not support
Online Submission	I prefer to keep all water related bills on one form
Online Submission	Manage your budgets better. We already pay enough. Thanks
Online Submission	Council already is ripping off rate payers. Not enough work being done and the that is done is well below par. God knows how much you will rip us off if you get to set price. Lift your game and do your jobs properly(management and up management, ELT)
Online Submission	The council increased our rates to get out of debt and should be trying to reduce our rates we are paying way to much as it is It about time we got a reduction in some rates
Online Submission	We have been charged this stormwater drainage rate and have received nothing for it. When it rains we are flooded in and unable to work or get to schools etc. If we had correct stormwater structures in place we would be able to get on with life and leave the valley. So we are paying for a service we don't currently get. Why would we want to transfer a rate that is effectively for no benefit to us in our community. It doesn't seem that our situation will be fixed in the future as there is not plans in place that have been shared with us. I don't believe that our community should pay this. Checking your map I see that parts of rural Wyong don't pay this fee. I don't understand what the differences in residential areas are between Holgate and these areas in Wyong that are exempt. If we received a service that enabled us to leave our area in all conditions safely without driving through flood waters I would be most happy to pay. But until that happens I'm totally against this fee.
Online Submission	This change will mean storm water charges will included in the annual rates increases,the changes are only being proposed to increase Councils base revenue.Will properties not connected to the councils storm water system be charged under this new scheme?
Online Submission	As long as property owners are not having to pay any additional fees and that this remains static with no further increases
Online Submission	As long as it doesn't increase charges to our household directly and indirectly.
Online Submission	Why was the legislation changed? What was the point? There have been no maintenance services or work done around this or the neighbouring suburbs for many years. Why is it up to some suburbs to pay for work done elsewhere. Services has been lacking or non existent since the so called council merger and the former councils mismanagement of the funds already taken from the residents leaving a massive debt we residents are having to pay off for the rest of our lives. Where is the accountability for that mismanagement? What is to stop council from wasting this

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	money on unnecessary upgrades to infrastructure and services? What is to stop council spending these funds on items other than drainage?
Online Submission	I have been living here for 47 years and I have not seen any work on storm water in my area. Our street regularly floods at high tide and there has been no improvement in that since I have been here. If the government has legislated that this be removed from our water rates then council will have to tighten their belts just as we have in these tough times.
Online Submission	How do I trust that the council won't use the opportunity as a back door to increase rates and water rates in the future
Online Submission	Bar Point is a remote boat access settlement within the lower Hawkesbury River catchment. There are no kerbs or gutters just pristine bush allotments. We are largely on septic tanks which are regularly serviced by appointed accredited technicians. Very little services are provided by LGA. Authority including garbage collection points on the mainland. We are some distance from services such as council pools, library's & funded community centres. We don't drive on council controlled roads. We are reliant on using our boats & connecting with state rail for sourcing food provisions.
Online Submission	This is the only sensible approach possible.
Online Submission	All this achieves is to bring Central Coast Council in line with what other councils throughout Sydney already have implemented for years.
Online Submission	The amendments to the Water Management Act 2000 were introduced for a specific purpose, which Central Coast Council has not explained. Transferring stormwater related charges from the water bill to the rate notice appears to be an attempt to circumvent those amendments and disregard the intent of the changes to the Water Management Act 2000.
Online Submission	Both rates and water bills are very high for this council in comparison with other councils.
Online Submission	It doesn't matter where you stick the charge because there is NO stormwater drainage in my street and most streets in 2257 postcodes, except where developers have been made to pay for kerbs and gutters. It is a charge for which residents get no direct return on their outlay. It is a sneaky additional tax by stealth on already over-stretched residents. It would be justifiable if CCC actually installed kerbs and gutters street by street in 2257 postcodes. Instead, every time it rains, water pools across roads and more potholes appear. Then we get the quick fix of temporary infills instead of proper repairs so that more ratepayers money is wasted.
Online Submission	Our rates are already expensive enough and there never seems to be much happening in our immediate area over the 25 years we have lived here.
Online Submission	Please stop deceiving people by splitting the bill. We are already paying too much. Try to optimise the spending instead.

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Online Submission	I have no problem with it
Online Submission	If you cant use funds properly in the first instance an increase is not warranted.
Online Submission	Makes sense. Get on with it.
Online Submission	As my street in Empire Bay has no stormwater drainage at all I object to paying for something I do not have. User pays?
Online Submission	Every rate payer should be equally responsible for managing the area's storm water.
Online Submission	I feel that anything water should remain on the water bill and any other extra funds utilized in improving our water, as roads and infrastructure on the Central Coast is ignored anyway. The amount of pot holes on our roads is disgusting. Storm water is water, land is rates.
Online Submission	I don't even have stormwater so I shouldn't have to pay any fees. Despite several enquiries to council over the last 5 years, your response is generic and unsatisfactory. Who pays a bill for a service they don't have. Ridiculous.
Online Submission	If need be
Online Submission	1. Other councils manage stormwater without additional levies. Why can't CCC? 2. This is discriminatory and unfair if only some ratepayers are charged the levy and others not. 3. I have adequate drainage that I paid for to protect my own property and don't need to pay for council works for any additional services that will not impact my property.
Online Submission	I do not support the change
Online Submission	As the former Property Manager of Gosford City Council I believe that the levy was instigated to raise funds for much flood mitigation purposes, and not Stormwater Drainage. Happy to be proven wrong. The complete city (Gosford LGA) limits was subject to a gazettal notice that proclaimed it a drainage reserve? and thus the levy could be legally raised. It appears to me that the reason for the levy has been lost over time, with little "flood mitigation" recently performed, only stormwater drainage maintenance works. To define stormwater drainage works as flood mitigation is a stretch, just pure Council maintenance that should be covered under general rates. So, the legality of continuing the levy is questioned? IPART (a pricing tribunal) was not needed to create the levy, so why is their involvement now required? Notwithstanding my wife and I have no argument with the new billing provided it is more efficient.
Online Submission	Fine with me
Online Submission	Fix our roads and stop wasting money at Terrigal and Gosford
Online Submission	No option need stormwater management. Only 3rd world problem!

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Online Submission	I have no objection as long as there is no increase in council charges.
Online Submission	N/A
Online Submission	no feedback
Online Submission	Making council more efficient would negate the need to charge at all. Too much waste in the council and workers not doing their jobs properly. We see and here it all the time. I rang your service section yesterday to find out what time Erina depot closes today. The operator gave me the number and told me to ring them myself. That's not service, that's your responsibility to either know that information or find out for your customers. It's just lazy people not doing the job their being well paid for. Better productivity from all staff and you won't have to charge the water at all.
Online Submission	I do not support it as I do not believe that council are being transparent about the ACTUAL impact of losing the charge. I believe if council actually managed their administrative spending economically there'd be more that enough money to cover the loss from the charge.
Online Submission	I do not agree due to the fact of the way this has been communicated! We received this on 23/12/2025, having not heard about it previously and there is little time to digest and act this over the Christmas/New Year period, mainly because of many absences across the population. The letter is dated 5/12/2025 advising the legislative changes that occurred in August 2024. There also appears to be some anomaly in charges via (questions and answers outlined) rates, pegs and charges and it is not clear how that affects final costs for the rate notice! One suspects there would be increases but that is denied. One further point; We used to get ALL rates and water on ONE bill many years ago, which to me was an easier management option! Reduced costs, administratively, would follow. What is proposed may be a good way to ensure these services are maintained but the way this has been delivered seems sneaky!
Online Submission	We have no gutters or stormwater drainage on our street
Online Submission	We pay enough rates as it is and getting nothing back for it
Online Submission	The cost of the rates and the water rates are too expensive, totally ridiculous . How can an average person continue to afford living with these continuous cost rises . The amount of rates council receives should be sufficient to maintain the suburbs. So many on the central coast are pensioners, how much more do you want .
Online Submission	Agree
Online Submission	I acknowledge the legislative changes to the Water Management Act and accept that Council must lawfully replace the existing mechanism to maintain funding for stormwater drainage services. I also note Council's position that the proposal is revenue-neutral overall. Council should address this perception directly by providing clear, side-by-side

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	examples showing current and future water bills and rates notices using actual dollar figures for typical residential and unit properties. I also encourage Council to provide explicit commitments that revenue from the transferred charge will remain dedicated to stormwater drainage purposes and not be absorbed into general revenue, supported by transparent annual reporting. Further clarity is requested on how drainage charge areas are defined, whether properties could be included in future, and how hardship provisions and pensioner concessions will apply once the charge moves onto rates.
Online Submission	I oppose moving the drainage charge to rates. Drainage is a user-pays service, linked to property use, not a general council function. Shifting the cost to rates would unfairly burden all ratepayers, including those who do not use or benefit from the drainage system.
Online Submission	I am on a rural property and stormwater drainage should not apply
Online Submission	Like all services we pay for on a local level, you do a shit job and temporarily fix things rather than investing for the long term. I've had MULTIPLE call outs for council to fix underlying storm water issues with current issues still existing, so what have I been paying for already?. If you were a more responsible arm of government, I'd possibly be more supportive. Perhaps you require a reduction of income to do better CBA and service provisions through critical thinking, analysis and waste reduction.
Online Submission	I do not support the transfer to rates. The current rates for Central Coast council is so high. They should be doing everything in their power to reduce rates not maintain the exorbitant rates we are currently paying due to council mismanagement. It is also unpalatable to pay a fee for stormwater drainage when it appears to be zero maintenance or infrastructure improvement for our local community in the 3 villages.
Online Submission	Provided there is no increase to the current rates I pay, I have no objection.
Online Submission	This fee is a money grab. Drainage in new estates are put in by the developer not council. Existing drainage does not cost 22m/year to maintain. The main issue is cleaning the pits and sometimes the pipes which should be done in house. Spend the 22m on roads because they are disgusting.
Online Submission	I have no issue with the proposed change. Council needs the required funds to maintain & upkeep the current services provided, as well as plan for future needs. We have been paying these charges previously, so the proposed change to keep in line regulations is a "no brainer"!
Online Submission	The central coast council is fucked. How about some parking. Sell the waste of space council offices. Do more before you ask for more
Online Submission	Are there any other changes to the costs associated with any other services - as a direct or indirect result of this change? Total rates cost? Or water managed services costs?
Online Submission	I pay multiple different council rates. NO OTHER COUNCIL charges this fee.
Online Submission	you are increasing everything and i never see any improvements in my area and as for stormwater, I have a spring on council land behind me that overflows and floods my yard, cannot even get you to maintain the land for fire hazards so i know you wont fix that issue

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Online Submission	I resent paying this at all since my stormwater goes directly into the Wyong river which is my responsibility. I understand that we all need to contribute to the greater good but I still think you should only pay for the service provided
Online Submission	No
Online Submission	No
Online Submission	This is the first I have become aware of this charge.
Online Submission	Firstly whilst it states that it will not increase the stormwater drainage charge knowing Central Coast Council they will and it will be a substantial increase. Secondly Central Coast Council have been known to mismanage money/funds and I feel that they should not be overseeing this as well.
Online Submission	There is no storm water drainage in my street
Online Submission	We need proper stormwater drainage in Halekulani, I'm risking my life when I mow the grass on the road way.
Online Submission	It makes more sense as a rate note a usage
Online Submission	Don't have a choice so why is council wasting time with this. If we don't agree then council will lose funding. If you are serious council member stop wasting time with these letters and just do it. You have already wasted money on setting this all up.
Online Submission	I support more funding for the council on the proviso we are going to see a benefit from it, my property has water run across the frontage and constantly has areas of my lawn washed out I have built a retainer to manage this water to prevent my garage being flooded and at my own personal cost of 15k on that due to the lack of stormwater management in my area. For properties without curb and gutter in similar situations I don't see why stormwater charges are the same considering we have less water management. There should be a lesser charge for lesser service.
Online Submission	Council have been incompetent in managing rate payers funds and then expected rate payers to pay for that incompetence. Rates are our single largest bill. Some downward pressure on rates is overdue.
Online Submission	I would support the transfer if council did not charge astronomical rate fees! Eg land in Sydney valued at \$2m charges the same quarterly rates as my umina beach villa which is 1/3rd of the land and has a value of \$460k. I'm not sure how you justify charging rate payers these amounts. Council gets enough from rate payers to cover the stormwater cost. Reduce your council size/ payroll and your operating hours if required or reduce the rates then add the stormwater levy. And the stormwater levy is less in Sydney than Central Coast. This is unacceptable and disgraceful.
Online Submission	We need the storm water management in our area to be maintained in an appropriate manner. If this means transferring the current fee structure to another then I am in support..

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Online Submission	Council do not supply water, sewage or stormwater services to my property. I have managed all of these services at my own cost and yet been forced to pay council additional fees for services they do not provide. Essentially they have been stealing from me for years. Do not let council keep stealing from property owners that have not been provided any water, sewerage or stormwater services provided to their property
Online Submission	No problem with it
Online Submission	I will support the council in their decisions to do the right thing when we can engage the human right to flush our toilet when we have heavy rain we have been putting up with this for the last 13 years
Online Submission	It literally makes no difference to be as a bill payer and will not decrease income for the council so it seems like a no brainer?
Online Submission	You have proven beyond doubt that you can not manage our funds. The St Hubert's island bridge debacle is a perfect example of your incompetence.
Online Submission	With the cost of living skyrocketing any potential saving in ratepayers pockets is a benefit to the entire community.
Online Submission	I do not wish the council have any more unnecessary control in regard to finances given your near criminally poor spending and bad decision making in the past.
Online Submission	I don't support
Online Submission	Our street has no stormwater provision, there seems to be no immediate or long term plan to provide such a system, so I do not support subsidising the system and maintenance elsewhere. If the street has kerb and gutter, pay the fee, if not, and no plan to develop such a system, then what are we paying for
Online Submission	I understand that legislative changes mean Council can no longer levy the Stormwater Drainage Charge via the water bill from July 2026, and that transferring it to the rates notice via a Special Variation may be the only way to retain stormwater funding. I accept that, at the point of transfer, this proposal does not create a net increase to my total charges and is presented as an administrative change rather than a new levy. However, once incorporated into the rates framework, the charge becomes structurally easier to increase over time through rate-peg adjustments or future Special Variations. This represents a different long-term position from the previous water-bill arrangement. If the transfer proceeds, I request that Council commit to ongoing itemisation of the charge on rate notices, transparent annual reporting on how the revenue is used, and clear public consultation if any increase beyond the general rate peg is proposed.
Online Submission	Rates are getting too high
Online Submission	The water rates are too high and council should get extra payments from commercial activities such as shops that are owned by council and increasing rent or hire fees on these facilities to make up the shortfall
Online Submission	Makes sense. No additional cost to the ratepayer overall.

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Online Submission	The council continuously mismanages money from rate payers. Rates have increased several times by substantial amounts due to shocking mismanagement of funds with no consequences to the involved people. The roads within the council area are not properly maintained and the potholes are not only dangerous but also not repaired adequately and therefor need constant repairing - this is surely at significant cost to the ratepayer. Kanangra Drive for example is crumbling and has reopening pot holes constantly. There are roads everywhere I drive on that are like this. I absolutely do not agree to the transfer of charges and have absolutely no faith that the council staff / elected or employed are able to manage these funds and allocate appropriate money and resources to needed projects. The track record of mismanagement speaks volumes. Council is inefficiently operated and cost savings need to be applied to the operations - the council ongoing wastes money that is not theirs to waste.
Online Submission	Doesn't matter to me as long as fee remains the same.
Online Submission	All rate holders should be paying for stormwater drainage, not just selected central coast rate payers. Roads and drainage benefits everyone on the coast, not just those that pay for it.
Online Submission	Paying for storm water drainage at all is ridiculous because no one has ever done anything to it. My neighbours and I have to look after it ourselves. We've been out with bobcats after floods. We've dug our own trenches and put in our own drainage.
Online Submission	I don't quite know what to select because I am unsure what I need to pay the rate in the first place. I have no drainage or gutters outside my home, and I have a constant pool of water outside my house. The pool of water outside my house is so big most of the time I cannot step out off my driveway or front lawn, I have to walk down to someone else's front lawn to step onto the road.
Online Submission	We dont even have kerbs and gutters on our street (Webb Road) and the road is a mess with constant potholes. It's dangerous for my children to walk from the bus stop or be out on our street in general due to the condition of the road. I would support this charge of it were going to be used to upgrade our road.
Online Submission	It doesn't matter where the Charges appear on water or council rates they need to be paid .
Online Submission	I support the proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rates notice, provided that the amount charged does not increase in any way and current service levels are fully maintained. Ratepayers are already contributing significantly, and any rise in fees, direct or indirect, would be unacceptable. This transfer should remain a simple administrative change required by legislation, not an opportunity to increase revenue. I support the proposal strictly on the basis that the charge remains the same, no additional components are added, and Council continues to demonstrate transparency in how stormwater funds are used.
Online Submission	Council should accept government decision and not try and move charge elsewhere

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Online Submission	I agree, other Councils have done so
Online Submission	As a family household, we understand Council must move the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill due to legislative changes. While described as cost-neutral at the time of transfer, we are concerned about the long-term impact on household budgets once this charge becomes a permanent part of rates. Rates are a significant and ongoing cost for families, and embedding additional charges into the rate base reduces transparency and makes future increases harder to manage. If this transfer proceeds, we ask Council to ensure strong safeguards, including clearly showing the stormwater charge as a separate item on the rates notice, simple annual reporting on how funds are spent and what works are delivered, and a formal review after 5 years to confirm the charge remains affordable and represents value for households Our support depends on clear visibility, accountability and protection of household affordability over time.
Online Submission	All my stormwater goes directly into the sand doesn't go into the central Coast system. I don't see why I pay drainage in the first place.
Online Submission	CCC have a history of mismanagement of ratepayers funds. Accordingly, I do not support this change and believe CCC should find the funds from its current operating budget.
Online Submission	It is outrageous that I am charged any type of water bill, including for storm water drainage. My cottage is on the other side of Patonga creek, where we receive no services apart from electricity. I provide my own water with water tanks and deal with my own sewerage. I DO NOT receive any water from Council plus there are NO storm water drains at all on my side of Patonga creek. No one who has a house on the other side of Patonga creek should be paying for water, nor for Storm water drains- as council does not provide these services to us. I, along with many other home owners on that side of the creek are considering taking this issue to Fair trading and the ombudsman for Councils. There is no reason why we should pay for a service we do not receive.
Online Submission	Concerned that Council is only making room for an increase in my water bill
Online Submission	Go ahead, make my day.
Online Submission	I am 47 years old & have lived in Umina Beach for 39 years. I currently own a property & pay rates for curb & guttering, however the st has never had curb & guttering. My rates as with everyone else's has gone up because of the inefficient, self entitled, useless and corrupt policies of previous administration. And now you have the audacity to inform your constituents 6 months prior to this occurring, having known of it since August 2024. This is why politicians; federal, state & in local government are seen as abhorrent. You care nothing, again, of your constituents or fellow Australian people, as long as your pockets are lined!
Online Submission	This Council has consistently charged excessive rates. I do not accept any additional fees or charges
Online Submission	I don't agree that Council has seriously looked into other efficiencies. It appears that this matter has been placed in the to hard basket. The community is in the middle of

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	an horrendous financial crisis in which this Council has only added to that burden. Not good enough
Online Submission	We do not have curb side guttering in crown road. why should we still pay a drainage charge. most of the time when it rains its floods out the front of our properties. How bout we start fixing our roads properly and adding curb sides guttering to our streets we pay enough in water and land rates. Its time we start looking at this is sted of constantly holding the rate payers over the barrel
Online Submission	Rates and water rates have increased so significantly in the last decade that I believe we are being grossly over charge.
Online Submission	Easy to read n understand,clearly explained ,thank you However where can I find the locations of the new drainage structures from 24/25 year. I'm very aware of the increase of the local population and would like to see funding spent in my local suburb,currenty Parraweena Road is very well used with insufficient drainage,current stormwater road crossings have very little cover and struggle in heavy rains. Is there any future works to be undertaken in my suburb.
Online Submission	If there is no difference in charge just move it.
Online Submission	I'm on Tumbi rd and my property is on the low side of the road and I get all the run off from the road through my property. So as I don't get any help with the storm water I don't want to have to pay the charge it doesn't help here.
Online Submission	If it remains the same charge it's ok. I think it's something we have to pay otherwise otger services would be affected. Also, it's something we have always paid so doesn't matter that it will go on rates. I just think more cleanups needed in regard to stormwater runoff. Where I live there are gated stormwater areas that get full of debris. They need more attention and cleanups. Thankyou
Online Submission	Central Coast Council is the most expensive local government anyway and offers almost nothing back to the ratepayers. The bureaucracy is bloated and salaries paid to incompetent cronies is exorbitant. We have roads covered with potholes, Gosford CBD looks like a dump and the council has the temerity to keep asking more money from ratepayers. Cut the salaries, inefficiencies and reduce the bloated and corrupt bureaucracy and Council to pay for any further increases. The ratepayers have had enough of fleecing.
Online Submission	Water bills on the Central Coast are incredibly high as they are and the stormwater drainage is a disaster. I don't see the need to pay higher rates to receive something that has done nothing for us. Take that off the water bill and don't add it to the rates.
Online Submission	As previously mentioned my street does not have any drainage or gutters nothing to do with drainage why should any of us in this street and others of the same configuration pay for something that does not benefits us
Online Submission	The easement we have on our property (which is why I assume we are charged a storm water drainage fee), doesn't even work. As confirmed by your council staff it is completely blocked or disconnected. Why should I have to pay for something that doesn't even work? If it was fixed to work, the easement serves more than just my property. Again why should I be charged something that benefits more than myself? Another example of council trying to charge the rate payers instead of managing the council properly.

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Online Submission	I have inside information about the wasteful spending the council does. As a resident I see the lack of spending the council does for its rate payers especially in the northern end of the coast. If they are as qualified and professional as they should be to be in their respective positions they can restructure their budget to fund the storm water drainage themselves. Enough of the wasteful spending and more ethical and positive budgeting to serve the community and to gain the respect of those that pay rates for their community.
Online Submission	I shouldn't be paying a stormwater charge I don't have a kerb an gutter for my storm water to go anywhere
Online Submission	The council shouldn't look after roads or storm water as they are incompetent
Online Submission	The money is never spent on the northern end of the coast so why should I support this? Gosford and surrounds are all that matter to the Council. Get them to pay more, not those of us who don't benefit.
Online Submission	I object to Council's proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to a rates-based charge. While I acknowledge changes to the Water Management Act 2000, these changes do not require Council to impose a new charge under the Local Government Act 1993. This is a discretionary policy decision, not a necessity. Stormwater management is a core public infrastructure service that benefits the broader community and should be funded from existing general rates, not through an additional targeted levy. The proposed charge is inequitable, particularly where no direct or measurable benefit to individual properties has been demonstrated. I am also concerned that embedding this charge into rates reduces transparency and creates a permanent additional cost for residents during ongoing cost-of-living pressures. For these reasons, I do not support Council applying to IPART for a Special Variation to introduce or continue this charge in any form.
Online Submission	I think this charge is ludicrous. Spencer certainly doesn't see a cent of any of these funds, they won't even mow the drain let alone spend money on it. I don't see why we should be supporting other areas on the Coast when we get nothing at all spent on Spencer drainage.
Online Submission	I objected to the charge when it was first introduced.
Online Submission	I have asked numerous times for help from the council regarding the disgusting state of the foreshore in Booker Bay to on avail. Abandon boats stored on my nature strip which is hard to maintain as you DON'T
Online Submission	If there is a change in legislation, the change should occur as legislated. For the Central Coast council to want to alter that as a special variation appears to be unethical.
Online Submission	Yes
Online Submission	As there is no additional fee, I have no objection to the transfer of the charge to the rates notice

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Online Submission	My reason for Not supporting is as follows - 1. Residents have very little faith in councils and Government at the moment. Decisions have been poor and there are always ulterior motives. 2. Any water related costs should never be on our rates notice. 3. Water costs are currently exorbitant. Any high costs being moved from the Water bill to the normal rates bill will put residents property at risk if they cannot pay (hint ulterior motive)(enforcement ability). 4. Maybe council should have fought harder to go against the 01/07/2026 changes to legislation to avoid this very thing in the first place. If it wasnt disputed on our behalf and not told residents of potential issues back then, then again this is just proof of council and government not acting in the good faith of its residents and tax / rates payers. 5. Central Coast council already has a bad reputation for management. The Administration and then subsequent joining of Wyong the Gosford has proven that.
Online Submission	I have no problem with transfer of stormwater charges from water bill to rates notice.
Online Submission	Central coast council rates are exorbitant some of the highest in the state. Find other efficiencies and stop funding non essential infrastructure and projects that do not benefit all rate payers. Cut the waste i local government and stop using over priced contractors whose work is questionable. Try for once to give rate payers a reduction instead of the usual IPART annual price gouge to rate payers. Apply for funding from state government. Pay for it out of your annual IPART increase. Continual rate increases to residents is not sustainable with the cost of living increase of which council and governments are the major part of.
Online Submission	This does not make sense ? When is Stormwater run off not part of the water supply service ? I also query why we are paying 2 lots of Sewer Wastewater Service. One is listed as the service and the other as our usage ? Surely, what ever usage every household has, should just be part of the overall Sewerage Service ? The increases to our water rates over the last 6 to 7 years have been over the top. Every time they go up, Council quotes and average increase per household. Then when we get the bill, the increase is way above the average and when you query it, the answer is - "it's not us, that is the Ipart recommendation". I do not pay rates to Ipart, I pay them to CC Council.
Online Submission	The council has misappropriated funds in recent years, this funding should be placed on all residents in the council catchment.
Online Submission	Council do not currently manage funds efficiently or productively and there is a history of corruption and not spending funds where it should be spent. This charge is likely to increase over the next period and hidden behind land rates. Central Coast has some of the poorest maintenance I've seen compared to other LGA's and there needs to be improvements before I would agree to any change.
Online Submission	I do not support change as this amount will increase instalment amount (which will be higher as this is an add on). Explain how it will not increase? Does this mean you will apply a reduction to incorporate charge? Transparency is no evident!
Online Submission	Manage funding better !!!

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Online Submission	If you charge a fee for a service then I think by law you have to supply the service. Nothing is happening with stormwater in Davistown because of Indigenous Heritage issues. I have paid my stormwater fees for over 20 years but still have stormwater and flooding issues as nothing constructive has been done.
Online Submission	The council is bloated and needs to bring overall staffing and administration levels down before gouging rate payers for more money. Internal efficiencies and a council reduction in head count should be the first priority.
Online Submission	I hope some of the monies will be used in upgrading stormwater in Davistown. Currently nothing is being done because Council believe they cannot excavate due to Indigenous heritage. If maintenance and improvement of drainage cannot happen then how can Council charge residents for it? I have had ongoing stormwater and flooding issues for nearly 20 years, paid my stormwater fees and have had no improvements made to rectify my issues. Seems a bit unfair and unjust. Charge the fees but fix the needs.
Online Submission	If the charges are the same I see no reason to object.
Online Submission	When is council going to upgrade drainage?? my street in Gorokan does not have kerb and guttering. streets around me do. the erosion is on-going in the current culvert style system in place. the erosion is a hazard to people who do not sight the erosion, areas of the drain/culvert are collapsing. the new estates get kerb & guttering. the rest of us get nothing
Online Submission	All good
Online Submission	I would like to express my concerns regarding the stormwater management on my property. Without any curb or guttering, rainwater from neighboring properties on higher ground regularly flows onto my driveway, bringing dirt, rocks, and debris. Given this situation, I am unwilling to continue paying for stormwater management, as it is evidently unaddressed.
Online Submission	We pay enough in our rates with little done already to fix roads etc Maybe have a look at the roads around Wyoming before you add these to our rates
Online Submission	I have no problem with the transfer of the stormwater drainage charge.
Online Submission	We are charged two service charges, one for water service and one for stormwater drainage. The legislation changes clearly indicates the stormwater drainage charge is not permissible in addition to the water services charges. If appropriately and competently managed the water services charges should be sufficient to maintain drainage infrastructure. The fact that the stormwater drainage charges, are only charged to some and not all rate payers is another indication that these charges are unfair, excessive and should not be permitted.
Online Submission	Was originally put there by Wyong Council for three years only and should be abolished
Online Submission	i dont believe we should pay this as our rates are high enough and should cover this. Also i do not have drainage at my property in mardi so why should i pay for a service i dont have.
Online Submission	We are agreeable to having a bill for both land and water rates in one bill

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Online Submission	you state that the legislation changed to simplify water regulation. I'm not sure if I believe this and would like to know has the change happened because Council applied for a special price charge on stormwater drainage and this has now expired? If this is not the case and it is just a technicality then I can't see a problem with it transferring to rates.
Online Submission	No no no
Online Submission	I believe that Ipart changed this so rate payers were not getting double charged for a service that should be part of the rates we already pay, though i did not see this mentioned in the letter sent out by council
Online Submission	Agree
Online Submission	There is no reason for us to pay this charge at all as we have no water, no sewerage, no drains and we also have a culvert out the front of our place which we maintain and keep clean from branches, leaves and bark so the water can run under the road into the neighbours dams. So in actual fact we should be paid for looking after the culvert.
Online Submission	Storm water drain is not looked after/maintained as is. I do not feel that this charge is being used effectively or appropriately so do not feel it should be added to our rates.
Online Submission	I have property all over nsw. This council is a joke compared to all others. You have been told you can no longer make a charge to us!. so you decide to charge it elsewhere instead. Probably time to sell up and invest with another area, so as not to deal with you guys anymore. This survey is a joke too as you will charge us through our rates if we voice or not.
Online Submission	Due to us not having any stormwater drains connected to our property we don't feel that we should be charged for a service that you have never been able to supply to us. Please don't come back with it runs into our Lake as that still is not a service that you provide it is the slope of the land or maybe come out after we are inundated with rain and you can see the pools of water sitting waiting to escape.
Online Submission	Despite the fact that it is claimed that there will be no increase in the total amount of rates paid, Council rates will increase by the amount of the stormwater charge. The amount of water rates paid will then have to DECREASE by the same amount. That is MOST UNLIKELY to happen, despite assurances Council is making. Such changes NEVER result in the promised outcome as has been the lived experience when IPART gets involved. Ratepayers are always the losers and Council will continue to squander ratepayers hard earned money.
Online Submission	Firstly, we do not have curb and gutter OR any storm water drain to hook up to on our very sloped property. Yet we are being charged for it. Unless there are plans for that to be upgraded in the area, then we aren't interested in the change. Secondly, you can bet there will be a water charge increase following the movement of the stormwater charge so we end up paying more anyhow. Lose.. lose
Online Submission	I do not understand why this is not already covered in our rates. I feel we pay more than enough in rates (which have gone up substantially recently) and get very little in return. General maintenance does not appear to be carried out on a regular basis, as soon as it rains there is flooding everywhere.

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Online Submission	We'd rather have stormwater drainage than not & it needs to be paid for somehow. Santa won't bring it.
Online Submission	If the charge will not increase, I'd rather the storm water charged was transferred than cut. It allows important maintenance and if this charge is cut, other areas will suffer. While I am on a tight monthly budget I want Woy Woy to continue to be a nice place to live.
Online Submission	We don't have any storm water infrastructure. We have a retention pit in our back yard and no kerb or guttering. The water from the road washes into our yard. We shouldn't even be paying a cent for this.
Online Submission	I do not have gutters or kerbs. Management of run off rain water is difficult and my house is prone to flooding. Will you be fixing this?
Online Submission	My stormwater currently has the outlet onto my front lawn not into the gutter I feel I should pay no stormwater rates
Online Submission	We, like many others in the area are a rural property and we do not have kerb or guttering or storm water. We also don't have a water supply and have to use our own tanks. At the moment we don't have a water bill and we don't have storm water bill. We use neither of the services as they aren't provided. If the storm water rates move to the rates notice, we will then be subjected to them even though we are not using the service. Stormwater service is provided where there is kerb and guttering and in those areas there is usually a town water supply. It makes sense for storm water and the town water to be connected on one bill. It makes no sense to put them on rates which are subject to every property, especially many properties which do not have kerb or guttering or storm water.
Online Submission	I have never seen a council employee come down my street and check that the stormwater drainage is free of debris, what difference is it going to make where the charges go too water or rates your still paying for a service that is not up to standard what a community requires
Online Submission	There's is currently gross mismanagement of funds in this council. This will no doubt lead to bigger increases in the drainage charge over time and I do not consent to paying even more fees
Online Submission	With the council rates go up almost every year Why ? The council does little work to our rural roads now the storm water is fine the way it is leave our rates the same
Online Submission	I pay for drainage yet we have no kerb and guttering, the street water flows through our property creating erosion, and the water does not flow into any council catchment.
Online Submission	Significant recent increases in council rates should provide sufficient funding - alongside claimed efficiency measures - to fund all services. A lack of clarity in communication in which Council states "there is no direct impact to the total amount you pay, the transfer would mean a cumulative increase to Council's rate income of 12.67%" . An explanation for the simultaneous claim that ratepayers won't pay more but the council will increase income needs to be provided. This is particularly important given recent large increases to rates and historical examples of Council mismanagement of rates income. The clear intent of the state government's legislative change is to abolish this charge. Moving it from one bill to another is not in the spirit of this legislation.

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Online Submission	The rates have recently risen substantially already, and now you propose to remove an actual reduction. Insanity
Online Submission	Council already wastes money and is inefficient in the services it claims to provide. I am sick and tired of council demanding more and more money and not providing return on investment to rate payers. Start by reducing the wages of those at the top because the argument we need to pay so much to attract quality candidates does not stack up. They constantly run an inefficient mess, hence why we are so far in debt due to illegal actions that went unpunished. Bring back the rule of law. The storm water drainage surrounding my property has not been upgraded in the last 20 years. If new roads and infrastructure are required charge the developers who are putting in the houses.
Online Submission	The State Government has seen fit to disallow continued levy of this charge under existing provisions. The Council are seeking to circumvent this by adding a miscellaneous charge to municipal rates. In recent years the rate payers of the Central Coast have endured a protracted impost associated with the previous mismanagement of Council finances. Further levy and impost is unreasonable, unjustifiable and unacceptable. Council should review and revise their budget to identify expenditure priorities and cut whatever falls outside of the prioritised necessities including provision and management of stormwater infrastructure. To add miscellaneous additional charges for any number of identifiable additional causes is unacceptable - work and manage the budget and stay within it - that is what a budget is for.
Online Submission	It is not a charge I should pay for as council has proved with all the flooding that it can not be spent correctly
Online Submission	Marlow is not provided with any drainage infrastructure and it is absurd and incorrect that we are charged this fee. I strenuously object to paying a fee for infrastructure which I do not have access to.
Online Submission	Removed from water Rates by NSW government only to be reinstated by Council who have a history of mismanagement resulting in increased rates. Why is the proposed transfer to only impact some ratepayers when as you state the Drainage Charge is to assist ALL residents. This is clearly to help council get the change thru at the cost of impacted ratepayers! This is unfair and dishonest. We totally reject proposal to transfer Drainage Charge to rate notice, find some fairer way to recoup lost revenue!..maybe be more efficient.?
Online Submission	This sounds a lot like the legislation is saying that it's unlawful for council to charge this going forward, so you are finding a way around it by adding it to our rates. Ask anyone on the coast if they see value from the rates they pay. No. The council is a top heavy and slow machine that is unfit to rule. In this particular instance I'd like to point out that the majority of the peninsula area does not have storm water at their property, yet are charged to maintain it. When doing a renovation to our house I was forced to include a storm water retention pit due to council's inability to supply our streets with storm water. This cost me in the range of \$6000, and yet I still pay a storm water levy. Yes, it will cost council 22 million, but seeing and you are back in the malck after being a half a billion dollars in the red a few years ago I feel it can be afforded.

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Online Submission	The council continuously apply special variation charges to our rates, mostly from mismanagement of the resources. It is time for council to operate as any private sector business to ensure resources are managed efficiently and commercially sound.
Online Submission	The charge was removed from the act for a reason. How about you take the funds from your inflated wages to cover the cost. Again the CCC lack of accountability
Online Submission	Regardless of the stormwater charge being removed from my water bill, I understand there is still an expense to Council. The Central Coast Council is still financially responsible for ensuring the effective and efficient run off of stormwater. In order to continue to do this I agree with the proposal to transfer this charge to my rates notice. After all, that money has to come from somewhere to ensure our stormwater runoff is managed.
Online Submission	As long as the water authority's right to charge is reduced accordingly I see this as a house keeping issue only.
Online Submission	I would like to be clear as to the reason the NSW Govt made changes to the Act in 2024. Why did they remove Councils ability to the ability to levy the Stormwater Drainage charge? Where did they think the obvious need for ongoing funding for the Stormwater network would come from?
Online Submission	My rates are already high enough
Online Submission	To be honest I don't support either, I have lived at my current address for over 30 years and have reported multiple times to council via their website for drains to be graded out in front of our property as when its wet, cars get bogged constantly which results in large tyre tracks hardened in the ground when dry which makes it very hard to maintain with us mowing etc., I have had no responses ever from council in regards to this issue other than an automated response. I pay this charge for absolutely no reason other than council profiting from us, this is highly unfair and criminal! Fair enough is you have curb & guttering, we don't and are expected to look after this ourselves, we are the ones who should be charging for this not council!
Online Submission	Firstly and most importantly, we shouldn't have this charge in the first place. We do not have any stormwater infrastructure. I was forced to create my own water management when the house was built. Council just charges everyone for everything irrelevant of who has what. Council charges sewerage fees on properties with septic tanks. It states not all properties are charged for stormwater. Now knowing this I will be seeking reimbursement of all monies paid over the years for a service I never had along with pay many many thousands to design and build what we were forced to build. Whatever council stormwater drainage needing maintenance will almost always derive from the government roads NEVER being cleared of leaf litter therefore being washed into our minimal systems and blocking them. If there is also intent on simply transferring the \$ charge figure over to council rates then it will rise with the value of the land not itemised as its own charge as it is now.
Online Submission	My wife and I have been here for 39 years repairs wise there has been none i am now retired and making ends meet is a lot harder

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Online Submission	Since we were first required to pay this levie we have seen no improvement in the stormwater facilities around our property and I still have to maintain those that directly affect us. The trees that are continually falling on the road in front of our property remain unmaintained and when reported we are told they do not present a risk to the public. I am looking forward to hearing council explain that when someone is killed. Perhaps council would be well advised to increase ground staff and reduce funds spent on senseless studies.
Online Submission	I support the proposed transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. Moving the charge to the rate notice under the Local Government Act 1993 seems to be the only legally valid option to maintain funding for this services.
Online Submission	The council has enough money and could redirect monies from unnecessary areas
Online Submission	If IPART are saying no it's no, you can't go transfers the cost to another bill as it obvious not mean to be charges so where is our refund for previously paid Water Management charge?
Online Submission	We already pay exorbitant rates, our council need to learn to manage the budget just like home owners do.
Online Submission	We pay to much now with and still our roads are dangerous with the least amount of money spent. Absolute disgrace and where is our rate payments going because it's not being put locally.
Online Submission	Already the central coast council is out of control in spending , is one of the most expensive councils to live under, has shown complete disregard to the genetal public and their opinions.
Online Submission	Council needs to manage its current funds better. It can be done if they hire the right people. For the amount we pay in rates we the rate payer definitely dont get value for money. The council still bleeds money everywhere.
Online Submission	The council cannot be trusted I have payed rates for over thirty years and still do not have any storm water drainage and when asked not enough funds this council cannot be trusted.
Online Submission	This absolutely should NOT happen! Central Coast Council charge more for council rates and water than many Sydney councils and provide much less than most other councils. Poor management on the part of the council should not mean that rate payers have to foot the bill, especially with the cost of living constantly increasing. Council should concentrate on the basic necessities like fixing roads and collecting rubbish and focus less on the less necessary things like sports facilities, libraries etc that the majority of the community doesn't use or need, and then there will be adequate money to cover the stormwater charges. People in this area are struggling as it is to make ends meet without council wasting money and charging above and beyond the basic rates that other councils charge! Better management of council funds will cover these costs!
Online Submission	I do not believe that Council manages funds appropriately nor works in my best interest so I welcome reducing what I pay them
Online Submission	If there is no difference in charges I have no problems with it.

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Online Submission	I am in favour of the transfer to allow Council to continue with current work and enable them to plan future programs. As the Central Coast is growing in population, I do not want them to cut back on other programs to fund drainage work in the future.
Online Submission	My support is conditional that the transfer does not mean an increase in costs to me and not based on land valuation as the rates are levied. I have seen NO stormwater management activity in Gwandalan and, silt runoff from the streets and building sites continue to flow freely into the lake and forever affecting the lake front, including the loss of habitat such as sea horses. Despite call to CCC to address issues in the past, all you do is "flick pass" to the EPA. CCC needs to build silt capture traps along Stormwater discharge points into the lake. CCC spouts the "wonderful Lake Macquarie however you do NOTHING in terms of managing the continual runoff into the lake. Perhaps someone on Council can take onboard the issue and ensure that some of the Funds raised are put to work to effectively mitigate silt run-off into the lake. This is not a time for more appealing words and a time for Council to take action and DO something positive.
Online Submission	Hi there, whatever the reason for this change, it does appear that there is no choice anyway. What I object to is I need to pay regardless and I do not have stormwater in our street, and feel this is wrong that I am charged for something that you don't provide!
Online Submission	As long you don't sneaky increase the already inflated current rates
Online Submission	Stormwater from my property is collected in a dam, which when full overflows through my grassed paddock to a dam in a neighboring paddock, the overflow from which runs through a second grassed paddock to a 3rd dam, and from there through paddocks to Jilliby Creek. As a result the property's impact on stormwater outflow and contaminants would be equal or less than that of the properties throughout the Jilliby-Dooralong valley, where this charge is not applied. Stormwater management is not related to the supply of water to households, and therefore should not be included in water rates. Providing infrastructure to handle stormwater is one of the basic responsibilities of council, and therefore should be included as part of ordinary rates. If, as council documentation indicates, "...with the stormwater drainage network providing a regional benefit to all community members.", then all ratepayers should be required to contribute via an ordinary rate adjustment.
Online Submission	It needs to be done
Online Submission	I do not support the change as they would be subject to Rate increases and special rate increases Just very poor management by council yet again, taxing you way out of miss management
Online Submission	Will I be charged this fee if I have on site stormwater treatment on my property ?
Online Submission	Council already has an increased rate due to liquidation, I believe the community is due for some savings after being hit with that ongoing.

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Online Submission	Not an issue, as money is still needed by Council to carry on their great work in local area. As it will not cost any more for the transfer from current costs, it is fine by my wife and me.
Online Submission	Sounds like another way to increase the rates. I don't believe this to be beneficial.
Online Submission	I don't care where the charge is placed. What I do question is why, on a rural property without drainage, gutters or stormwater infrastructure, do I have to pay this charge?
Online Submission	I personally have no objections to this proposal, of the current Drainage Charge, from my Water Bill, being transferred to, my Water Rate Notice!
Online Submission	In the 5 years we have been in this area I have not noticed or been notified of any works been done to our drains. Our run off pond is often over run with weeds. I haven't seen it being cleaned. Many of the street run off pipes are broken with none being fixed. I don't like the fact that when it gets moved over the amount is no longer regulated. And will increase at 3.2 pa causing a cumulative increase of 12.67% I would be more open to the idea of a set amount that is restricted like current.
Online Submission	I support the transfer so that council has the funds to continue to deliver services, However, as a resident in Empire Bay, we still have open drains and difficulty protecting our property from flooding, so service levels need to improve not just be maintained. I have never been able to get a determination for council as to the actual status of a proposed council easement that runs down the boundary of our property and our neighbour's that is the cause of regular flooding to our property. I can see from the map that a large area of the northern part of the Central Coast Council (assuming formerly Wyong) does not attract a charge, and this does not seem fair nor equitable since it is an area of growth. In addition, the letter to residents was only addressed to my husband and not to both of us as joint property owners - can this be explained?
Online Submission	The council rates and water rates have increased massively over the past few years, especially after that fiasco when the whole council was sacked and an administrator was appointed! All the residents ended up paying "Special Levies" which were never taken away, just to get the council out of the Sh*t! Do you employ someone to find new ways of squeezing the ratepayers out of every penny they save? Aren't the ordinary rates enough. Why don't the councilors take pay cuts? Instead, why don't you look at new novel ways to make savings without compromising services? Anyway, even if every single resident in Central Coast Council opposed...it would still go ahead. Why do you bother even asking! Excuse my sarcasm! I'm just over this council continuously increasing rates and blaming IPART!
Online Submission	The council should learn to spend wisely rather than continue to increase rates and charges from central coast rate payers. More financial acumen should be exhibited rather than wasting money. The new property and developer fees should be used to extend the storm water and sewage system and not rely on existing rate payers paying more for the benefit of the developers. This storm water fee is not separated out on most NSW council rates and is incorporated within normal rates.

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Online Submission	Because knowing the council this change will probably cost a lot of money in itself to make an administrative change so why bother
Online Submission	Your rates are too high in general.
Online Submission	I do not support this transfer. The sums needed for this work should be obtained through efficiencies in other places. I note the councils write said a significant efficiency package has already been planned. I do not accept this when council have recently moved to over several hundred thousand dollars to have the South African rugby team based in Gosford. This is not essential spending. Let's focus on getting the basics right and realise that the thousands of dollars you agree to spend on X comes straight out of the pockets of residents. It isn't Monopoly money.
Online Submission	Yes
Online Submission	Happy to to proceed with transfer, but have no kerb & gutter/drainage pipes and still receiving stormwater drainage charge?
Online Submission	Never agreed paying for a service we don't get.
Online Submission	Given the exorbitant and widely unpopular increases over recent years to Central Coast ratepayers, I think the council can find the money if you really want to.
Online Submission	The previous council has placed us in a position whereby the council is NOW responsible for a large debt. It should not be ratepayers who now have to fund this financial incompetence. Therefore, by not allowing the transfer to the rates, hopefully this charge will have to be absorbed and TRUE efficiencies be made through COMMON SENSE decision making by council administrators.
Online Submission	Seems sensible, but also pretty close to the deadline to be seeking consent to make a change like this.
Online Submission	I think it is completely unjustified to charge people in my street, Endeavour Drive Avoca Beach for drainage, as we have no kerb & guttering and certainly no drains. Outrageous charges by council for a service not provided by council.
Online Submission	The council is already horribly mismanaged with the rate payers constantly asked to fork out more money to cover it's nonsense. We should welcome any reduction in costs to the homeowners of the coast, especially the northern end of the coast, as we were doing just fine until some "wise" pen pusher amalgimated us from Wyong shire with no debt into central coast where we went bankrupt paying for some stupid walkway in Terrigal. Find your missing money elsewhere. I don't even have curbsides on my road for the storm water to run into, there are countless potholes everywhere that are banded by placing unsustainable tar into them until the next rain event when it all washes away. Seriously, what do our rates even go to? Why don't you guys cut jobs and wages. Anyone in council earning more than \$130k a year is already on too much. This is all a waste as I am sure the change is going to take place anyway. You are all a bunch of crooks and jail time should be added to the top offenders.
Online Submission	Email sent.
Online Submission	as presented, it is merely a change of administrative procedure

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Online Submission	I don't support this
Online Submission	If it is required that CC Council do so, and it does not increase our combined Council and Water rates, I have no objections.
Online Submission	The central coast council already do not do anything towards stormwater maintenance and simply shift rate payers concerns to the state government. The council has many on going storm water issues where places flood that they wash their hands of. With the mismanagement of funds previously I do not think that the funds from this charge in the water rates bill has been used for the greater community good. I am not going to allow this council to continue bad behaviour.
Online Submission	Makes no difference. I've lived here for over 30 years in the one address and i still don't have kerb and gutter.. Every time I ask i get the same answer back. Your not on the list. Or get quotes and do it yourself. The only thing I get out of my rates is a garbage pick up. Totally useless council.
Online Submission	We have already had a big increase in 2022 when our rates increased because of the deficiency and mismanagement of the more than half billion dollars of previous council authorities.
Online Submission	I have no gutters out the front of my house there why am i paying for a drainage service at all
Online Submission	There is no stormwater infrastructure in the rural area where I live, so this is just another cynical money grab where I have to pay for something I will never get
Online Submission	As long it is the same amount it is ok by us.
Online Submission	Give back to citizens
Online Submission	I think through the mismanagement of the Central Coast Council where the Council was placed into administration. The continuing rise of water rates and council rates, etc to pay for this mismanagement now sees the council out of administration https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/media-release/central-coast-council-ends-administration-period-strong-financial-position#:~:text=Published%2520On,health%252C%E2%80%9D%2520Ms%2520Racome%2520said. image0.jpeg I resent the proposed application from the Central Coast Council to IPART for a Special Variation. As a concerned rate payer who has seen the continual greed and spending of the council over the last two decades; I fear that greed will get out of hand once again. What has the council done to reduce operating costs? Stormwater costs, what have they been over the last decade? I think the very idea of transferring this cost over to the rates is outrageous!
Online Submission	The rate increases for the Central Coast council are beyond belief due to your abysmal financial and debt management over the past years!! Also not mention the fact that I am paying more for my property rates than anyone on the street with the same footprint and no one can tell why!
Online Submission	As a single live alone, not here every day, use very little water, my water bill has gone up by more than 50% over last 2 years, will new billing system stop this rip off
Online Submission	The yearly increases on council rates in this area have been astronomical, especially in a cost of living crisis. We do not support this.

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Online Submission	If the transfer cost is what we are paying
Online Submission	Is there any reason why you can't call it the same name? How long before you will increase the charge?
Online Submission	Agree with the requirement to change billing arrangement.
Online Submission	I do not support because the stormwater from our property melrose av Gorokon 2263 just ends up at the front of our house going nowhere because there is no kerb and gutter in our street so i dont no why im charged for any drainage charges .
Online Submission	We have been paying the drainage surcharge for a long time. The only evidence of drainage repair work in Geoffrey Rd continues to block during a flood and residents are cut off. Several attempts to repair have failed.
Online Submission	Happy for transfer to occur
Online Submission	Given Councils dreadful history with ratepayers don't be suprised if we do not trust you one little bit. Example: council merge with Wyong estimate was for a 15% rate increase - actual increase 45%. I.T. Savings from the merge not true, reality is costs went through the roof - and Rick and Dicks brilliant plan to save the CCC from financial ruin, sell assets, cut services and employ the new CEO on a package worth more than the Prime Minister of Australia with no KPI's . If you want savings take it out of Mr Farmers package rather than expecting your shareholders, the ratepayers to keep bailing you out as you expand CCC middle management. And fix your basic systems - sending this communication by post and telling me to go paperless , I've been paperless for over 2 yrs so you could have saved on postage, also there are 2 people listed on the rates notices but you only sent the communication to me. Grumpy old man
Online Submission	Our drainage does not go to storm water. The rates are already high enough and all the money made is not being used correctly.
Online Submission	When the two rates were previously combined we paid less. Then the rates were split and we were told that you would only pay for what use used. Since then even for a low water user the water rates are getting close to same as the land rates. Council should be looking for cost savings not put the ball under the cups spin them around and everyone ends up paying more.
Online Submission	We already pay high enough rates and our storm water goes on the road and doesn't even have drainage on a road that is full off pot holes. The money that has been taken isn't even used correctly.
Online Submission	With no ratepayer disadvantaged by the proposed transfer, there seems to be no possible reason to object to it.
Online Submission	I assume a much more efficient way, therefore probably cheaper
Online Submission	They have increased rates regularly and continue to ask for SVR rises. They need to manage finances better and reduce senior staff and wages
Online Submission	I have been paying for storm water for 10 years however there is no storm water drainage on my street. It makes no sense to pay for a service I am not provided.

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Online Submission	We have no access to stormwater infrastructure.
Online Submission	It makes complete sense so not sure why anyone wouldn't support
Online Submission	Reason I don't support it cause your history of rates charges for no maintenance is alarming. You have failed in maintaining storm water drainages as leaves & branches continue to clog it up and it is us rates payers that clean the streets, whilst council does no street sweeping and now you continue to change things so increases can be achieved for no work.
Online Submission	Happy to support change if: - charge remains the same as it would have been if it had continued as part of the water charge - the charge is the same for every rate instalment - so I can set up automatic payments which I currently do In respect of automatic payments - why can't all the rate instalments be the same amount - for this year for us they are \$479.58, \$480, \$480, \$480 - why can't they all be \$480 I would happily pay the 42 cents for the increase in convenience - as I assume would others - how about a bit of pragmatism?
Online Submission	From the information you have provided, it seems like a very logical decision to transfer the charge from the water bill to the rates bill. We need our council to maintain our storm water infrastructure and this seems like a practical way to do so. As long as all the information provided was true, I vote yes.
Online Submission	I currently pay the storm water charge but there is absolutely no storm water drainage where I live. I don't understand why I am being charged for storm water when there is none. All the storm water runs down the street and straight through my property causing flooding and damage which I have to pay to fix. If council wants to keep charging me for storm water they should actually install storm water drainage on my street to stop my property being damaged. Please stop charging me for storm water.
Online Submission	I think all this sustainability crap is just a bunch of thieves stealing from good honest loyal aussies.. may all those that started this, rot in hell on judgement day.
Online Submission	It the charge is outlawed by legislation then how dare council try and bypass the law and sting us another way? We have poor services as it is (my rubbish collection is still on the kerb and was booked to be moved a week ago!.) The servicing of the stormwater network should be covered under the costs associated with new developments. Your proposal is massive NO from me.
Online Submission	With the regular % increases we have seen to rates over previous years with no increased services I believe moving storm water to rates is just another price increase that we will see no service improvement therefore I am against the change
Online Submission	If your not longer allowed to apply this charge under that Act, we should no longer be paying it.
Online Submission	stormwater drainage coast should be take-off broth bills as dose not rain all year long you already put the rates up from last year the water sewer wastewater service/ sewer wastewater usage /rates levied cost gone up why soon all i do is pay bills not much money coming in but more going out

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Online Submission	I've been maintaining the drain in front of my place for years. Cutting the grass, trimming grass, removing rubbish and debris. My time, my labour, my fuel wear and tear on my equipment and not once have I seen council maintain it. I've been here since 2007. Why should I be paying anything at all. Will council refund me for my time spent maintaining the drain (storm water)
Online Submission	Too much money for water bill. Even, the water usage for 3 months only ~ \$90. But have to pay for all of services \$296. More expensive than electric bills.
Online Submission	Good
Online Submission	I don't agree with properties that don't have storm water needing to pay for stormwater
Online Submission	Ok with it
Online Submission	I support the change.
Online Submission	At the back of our property is Chittaway Creek and over the last few years parts of the creek enbackment have collapsed due to stormwater stopping us from using our ride on mower and inturn causing potential damage to the area surrounding the bridge over the creek in Berrys Lane which we have previously reported but to date have not seen any rectification works or received feedback on any council inspection/s.
Online Submission	My property has no council storm water drainage on the street Why am i being charged at all Would expect it if i had kerb and gutter or at least a storm water drain near my property I expect a reply as to why
Online Submission	I believe the council has already passed extraordinary rate increases through iPart above the 3.2% peg rate and then passed having these extended do longer than the agreed timeframe. I believe this should be enough, if NSW government do not believe this should be being charged though Water rates then I do not see why it should be charged through council rates. I think this will just be another way to hide rate hikes in the future and I do not believe this will lead to any better services. I think there are huge opportunities for improved efficiencies, I see so much waste of council resources. The horrendous attempt at improving/resurfacing Davistown Road being the most recent example. I dread to think how much that has actually cost the rate payer and it is embarrassing how bad that stretch of road is.
Online Submission	I currently have no curbed guttering and the so called storm water charge is useless, storm water has on multiple times flooded my property from the lack of adequate drainage now, maybe council should do something about it, over 20 years I have lived here and where has my money gone to help my property or my street????

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Online Submission	At our current property we do not get charged for council water rates as we are totally on tank water, therefore we do not get charged for storm water drainage. We also do not have stormwater drainage on or near our property. You claim it won't affect anyone's rates and they won't be paying anymore. This will affect us as a new charge. It will also affect a lot of our local community who are in the same position. I would appreciate a reply in regards to how your proposal will affect my rates bill please as your claim to not cost ratepayers any more in our circumstances is incorrect.
Online Submission	Costs are currently too high!
Online Submission	We live down a private lane and we don't have access to any level of storm water infrastructure
Online Submission	Rates already cost more than enough. Find it elsewhere in the budget
Online Submission	Wording in proposal is to vague, why was legislation changed? who changed it? Rates are indexed so will adding the drainage charges allow the charge to increase on a semi regular basis?
Online Submission	Whilst we pay a small fee for stormwater. It's a joke. We live on acreage, no kerb or guttering. Water just runs to the lowest point on anyone's property. The side of our street in Berrys Lane Fountaindale runs down to a creek area. Due to no stormwater control, The water has undermind land next to the creek causing the embankment to give way. It is too dangerous for us to access our own land with a ride on mower. I have raised our concerns to council as the embankment is next to a road causeway which carries heavy trucks, buses & many local property owners. How much more of our own land do we have to lose & the possibility of the road being undermined further
Online Submission	If it is unlawful to charge it anymore, moving the charge is rorting payers. The fact that this is even a question is something that council should be ashamed of
Online Submission	I say NO as I believe there will be raised charges and we will pay more Council needs to get it together Water is a life necessity We should not have to pay as it should not be owned and to charge to drain it is a joke
Online Submission	I support the change however it is not fair for the council to charge stormwater drainage charges for properties where there is no stormwater drainage or kerb and guttering.
Online Submission	We never have anything done regarding our drainage, it's actually quite a mess in storms and heavy rains . Considering we are in 2026 it's quite an eye opener when you see what other councils do in their areas with the rate payer's money . We actually don't even have street parking , people park all over the place due to our dish drains having no curb & guttering, so my vote is a no until we can see where our rate money actually goes in our area .

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Online Submission	I am not interested in them moving it to my rates. The council get enough money but do not budget properly and over spend millions on jobs that are over charged.
Online Submission	The money has to come from somewhere, doesn't seem to matter whether it comes from the water bill to the rates notice
Online Submission	We are going to pay one way or another.
Online Submission	I see this as being necessary for council to maintain the services it provides the coast without compromising on or reducing existing services.
Online Submission	In sincerely hope that the information you have provided has consumers properly informed. It seems sensible to transfer the rates rather than stop paying and pull the funding from somewhere else, but it would be disappointing in CCC were omitting information. It would also be good to see the stormwater drainage actually maintained, especially in times of flooding in known areas.
Online Submission	Hello there, I believe your stormwater drainage charges are currently far too high on my water bills. Transferring them to our dearer rates bills will add more stress on the cost of living pressures that we're already inundated with.
Online Submission	I use bore water and tank water
Online Submission	We don't currently have curb and guttering in our area. Our property has been subjected to flooding from run off water from council roads for years, which has caused many thousands of dollars of damage to our property, that we have never been compensated for. Ultimately, we needed to spend tens of thousands of dollars to manage water that would enter our property from council land to ensure our family home was no longer put at risk because council failed to fulfill their obligation to our community and provide adequate drainage to protect our properties. So no, I DO NOT agree to move a charge from a bill that is regulated to ensure that this cost isn't raised exponentially to hide the incompetence of council. I would be glad to reconsider this position if council were to do their job and protect our property from water from their land and demonstrate that the charge won't increase as a result of the change. I'd be glad to discuss this further.
Online Submission	I have checked my Rate Notice and found that this charge does not apply to me as it is not mentioned on the Rate Notice. Currently i am not discharging any storm water in any Local Government (Council) or Sydney Water assets, as there is no stormwater drainage provided to my property; the storm water from the roof is collected on-site and disposed by absorption method throughout Lot. Therefore, this charge will be illegal. Moreover, I noticed a charge on my Rate Notice as "Waste Management Charge 240 Litre Waste" x 2 for \$1,1200.00. As this is a Business, we arrange our own Waste Disposal from a third party. Therefore, this charge shouldn't be reflected in the Rate Notice. I am seeking reimbursement and the charge to be removed from future Notices.
Online Submission	If it doesn't increase what I'm paying now then I don't object to the change. As long as it somehow, doesn't allow an increase in the future outside normal increases...that is to say, no increases will EVER be as a result of this change.

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Online Submission	Considering I don't have kerb and guttering yet paying this fee. I have to fight every year to have the drain cleaned out if not it doesn't happen. I'd support it if I had kerb and guttering
Online Submission	We are a single income family with 2 kids under 5 and this increase will only add to the stress of cost of living. Perhaps council should manage funds a little better instead of hitting the rate payers
Online Submission	We are a rural community with no curbside and council very rarely do any work on cleaning culverts and never grade the roadside in our area. I understand that in urban areas there's a lot of storm water run off that needs to be dealt with, and there could be a case for the charge there. However, it would seem that it is just part of running a council area. Potholes need repairs but we don't have a potholes tax. As a rural area we are responsible for our own water drainage and also drinking water supply. I am lived here over 50 years and the local council guys used to grade the roadside and clean the culverts and repair and control roadside weeds. Very little of this is done now and you feel the need to charge more and still not do any maintenance. We have been paying the fees for a while now and no one extra thing has been done. So I say you are looking for money to spend elsewhere and not on making our road side drains better.
Online Submission	I'm at a loss to know why we get charged Storm Water Drainage when the street I live in has none, all council have provided are 2 drainage pits outside both neighbouring properties which fill up and overflow in storms and heavy rain out front of my driveway, so in effect I'm paying for the supposed upgrades and maintenance of other fortunate rate payer's properties.
Online Submission	It will no longer be regulated by IPART so council can charge whatever they like without approval from IPART - LACK OF REGULATION . If IPART deems it should be removed it should not be transferred elsewhere
Online Submission	Do it, as without necessary funding these works could/would not go ahead.
Online Submission	I am the home owner in Wamberal along with my husband I begrudge paying anything for your so called 'stormwater maintenance'. We have a stormwater drain located at the front of our home. I have had multiple communications with council about this drain being choked with vegetation across the road on council land. Every time there are heavy rains, we experience flooding. On occasions it has been so bad that flood water comes half way up our front lawn. We should NOT have to clear the drain ourselves. What do we pay a maintenance fee for??? You are ripping people off and do absolutely nothing! Disgraceful! PLEASE ADDRESS ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE TO BOTH xxx AND MYSELF - not just xxx
Online Submission	No I do not support is change. We are already paying high rates and water charges. There has been no updates to the storm water since I have owned my property over 10years now.
Online Submission	Our rates are already higher than other councils. This might be reasonable post 2031 after the existing special variation expires, but not before then.
Online Submission	Council has no option to do the change as it is required to do the change effective 1/7/2026.

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Online Submission	Our gutters and drains are forever blocked by vegetation and rubbish and are only cleaned up when the council feels like it. It really is a hazard and for the amount of people the council has driving around more should be done.
Online Submission	It's not a problem to me to make the payment on my rates bill. I think it may have been there in the past. All good.
Online Submission	It needs to be done and I am in favour of it
Online Submission	You don't even use the money that you receive now to fix any problems around the area.
Online Submission	Our stormwater drainage on the road isn't curbed and guttered therefore I don't believe it's fair for us to be charged like other properties on the central coast that do have curb and gutters.
Online Submission	CC council rates are already ridiculously high due councils previous investment incompetence and over employment. CCC rates are even more expensive than Sydneys Northern Beaches. Reduce the rates
Online Submission	I have no problem with the transfer apart from someone explaining how it is to be govern so that it does not increase as per the rates and is set by an independent body
Online Submission	Happy to support this, however, does this mean we will get stormwater drainage to our property? I would like to know why we are charged a stormwater drainage charge at all when our section of street does not even have stormwater drainage.
Online Submission	I disagree. Council does not use the monies collected appropriately. I had a storm water issue on Council land and I had to employ a plumber to rectify the problem. The issue was that the pipes weren't connected property in the first place which caused my yard to flood Why should the community pay fees and charges and still have to be out of pocket for repairs council should cover.
Online Submission	Why ask the question do I support the proposed transfer to the rate notice from the water notice when there is no choice in the matter due to changes in legislation to the Water Management Act 2000 to come into effect from 1 July 2026? However the Council needs to commit to their claim that the charge to our Council rates will not increase as a result of this redirection to the rate's notice.
Online Submission	I pay the charge and do not have any curb and guttering, the water pipes are terrible, sell bad and we often have unexplained brown water. I don't currently get any value out of the rates paid, the council have wasted taxpayers money over spending in the billions. I think they need to do more to justify being allowed to just move rates and fees around. If the law changed why did it change? Why should a council with such appalling money management be allowed special permissions to impose charges on citizens when they haven't proven to be good custodians of citizen funds nor do they have a network of storm water drainage that would justify continued investments or increased investments. What is the plan to deliver services to the central coast region?
Online Submission	I support the proposal. I have nothing more to add.
Online Submission	Agree

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Online Submission	I agree with Council's proposal to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from my water bill to my rates notices ONLY if council is true to their word and there is NO increase to the amount charged as a result of the transfer and service levels ARE maintained.
Online Submission	As long as the charge will continue to be regulated by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, I have no objection to the Stormwater and Drainage Charge being transferred to the rate notice.
Online Submission	No way. Council recently increased rates by 35%. Storm water costs can come from the already exorbitant rates I pay. Focus on roads rates and rubbish and cut all other funding. That's what you are elected for.
Online Submission	As long as I do not pay any more money
Online Submission	One would hope that the proposed legislation will benefit the council and will free up funds for council to maintain and improve the network.
Online Submission	As a pensioner i already pay enough rates anything more would be too much to pay
Online Submission	I agree with Council's proposal to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from water bills to rates notices as legislation will prevent that component to be included on water bills as done in the past.
Online Submission	We should not continue to be punished for the councils miss management of funds over previous years. Working Australians are sick and tired of picking up the slack because the elected officials cannot do what they were elected to do. Find the funds without impacting hard working Australians.
Online Submission	We do not and will probably never have stormwater drainage. We shouldn't have to pay this fee.
Online Submission	During this time people are struggling to make ends meet financial. Council should tighten its spending and reign in spending mone.
Online Submission	I live at Bar Point. We are on tank water and septic sewerage. There is no visible storm water drainage infrastructure in this area. I am confused as to why we pay storm water drainage I have phoned the council and asked 3 times and I do not have a response as to why we pay.
Online Submission	We have paid rates for 38 years on the same property and despite many requests for ketb and guttering we have none. Why should we continue to pay for services for other ratepayers when we get no upgrades at all? If we thought our suburb was getting it's share I may consider but many streets in our suburb flood. Withholding the funds won't make it better but it makes us feel better that we aren't paying for something we don't get.
Online Submission	I do not agree with this at all, I already pay rates and do not agree
Online Submission	This is only going to end up being further charges to rate payers. I do not agree
Online Submission	It's necessary to have the stormwater infrastructure-maintained property on the Central Coast.

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Online Submission	I have lived in my current dwelling for over 13 years and not once have seen any new drainage/sewer works/upgrades to my area or street. It gets flooded at the slightest hint of rain and even though there is a 40 degree day and haven't had rain for a week there is still a puddle of water out the front of my house. I would support this if there were actual infrastructure changes for my area/Street but it all goes to Gosford. So no I do not support this change.
Online Submission	Council rates for Gosford are already amongst the most expensive in the State. It has billed water and sewerage separately to appear to have lower rates than they do. Rates have risen significantly since the Council merger and Financial collapse. Like everyone else it's time for Council to tighten its belt and cut expenditure. There is a cost of living crisis and everyone must make cuts including Councils.
Online Submission	I have lived here 40 years and why am I paying for something I do not have. When will I have stormwater drainage?
Online Submission	All Councillors should take a pay reduction instead.
Online Submission	As an accountant this becomes a logistical nightmare and I do not support it. I also have investment properties with 4 other councils and I have not seen such a proposal from any other council.
Online Submission	No
Online Submission	The charge for Bar point residents is offensive. Never has council provided any services infrastructure or attendance to the location for storm water services.
Online Submission	As long as the cost doesn't change I have no issues
Online Submission	Water companies should be held responsible for investing into improved storm water systems, including frequently flooding areas - ie near racecourse and other hot spots that have not been addressed for years. Please do NOT charge residents for this, Council you should lean on water companies or state government for better funding.
Online Submission	If the drainage charge is assigned to properties which don't directly receive drainage services, then I don't support the charge at all.
Online Submission	The water drainage in my area is terrible. We have a gully (very dangerous) in the street (Centennial Ave Long Jetty) where there should be proper water drainage and a footpath. The council has been contacted many times by residents about it. They came and put a tar type filling where large weeds are growing! So where is the drainage money going???
Online Submission	has to be done - no problems
Online Submission	We live in Davistown not in the wealthy areas. We don't receive any funds from council no pavements or drainage we only have open pits for drains so why should we pay for another facility we get no benefit from. Davistown must have been paying rates for longer than any other area I know
Online Submission	council always charging extra for their own stuff ups
Online Submission	It use to be on the rates and caused a major headache for landlords and property managers when it was transferred to the water rates as water rates get passed onto the tenant. It should never have been transferred to the water rates to start with.

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Online Submission	Every time the council has split a rate they have raised the split rate is following years. I have no confidence in the central coast council as they had lied, misspent money and couldn't run a project on budget or ontime for as long as I can remember. Leave the rate payers alone we already pay enough.
Online Submission	The rates bill is a lot higher already than the water bill. I like having them separated so it gives time to pay the water bill
Online Submission	I don't really see the point in changing it, both water and rates are charged by council so council gets this money either way so I'm not sure how not changing it results in less money to council. Everything has a cost and I'm sure this proposed change was not cheap and doesn't really solve anything for residents. That said, I'll support it if council somehow get more money to spend on stormwater infrastructure.. How about we get curb and gutters?
Online Submission	Same rhetoric when council removed the water charges from the rates. Promises to not charge any more. All untrue.
Online Submission	Council is trying to circumvent savings from being passed on to rate payers.
Online Submission	The ridiculous \$262.21 drainage charge should not be forced upon us rate payers! My water was only \$81.22 and yet I'm forced to pay a total of \$343.43 water bill during this cost of living crisis. Also i have not seen any council drainage work in my area for a number of years and was recently told by a council employee "Council doesn't do any preventative maintenance unless a complaint is made by residents" The stormwater drain is blocked behind my property so badly the concrete drain has disappeared under plant, leaf litter and the rubbish thrown by vehicles on Wyong road. It is a flooding and fire hazard and should be dealt with immediately, but get told we are to busy with other projects. STOP ripping us residents off and start fixing the damage roads, footpaths, the disgusting smell of the sewerage plants, blocked storm water drainage and The Entrance Channel.
Online Submission	I do not support the transfer as council currently does not do enough to maintain our basic services and roads let alone drainage. You charge enough money for any kind of construction as you have to get multiple permits as well. Where is all of this money going to? Our roads need to be redone and the gardens and council grass is never taken care of either. Until we see the community being looked after I do not support you trying to transfer these funds as you already charge too much for water as it is.
Online Submission	Leave things alone.
Online Submission	Amount levied doesn't change .. nor will the non-existent drainage
Online Submission	The change proposed by CCC is essential.
Online Submission	I think that the 2 bills of rates are pretty even, so why change it? I don't want to be paying more on my rates notice, so keep it attached to the water bill.

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Online Submission	My experience with this council has been poor at best, in the 30 years my family have lived here in Blackwall we have never had access to the storm water drainage system. Council talks about the money being used in part to provide new drainage/stormwater infrastructure but I am yet to see any evidence of this happening in my area and I doubt I ever will in my lifetime. The priority appears to be new housing estates and not existing housing areas, given my experience with council I see no reason to provide them with anymore of my money to for little or no benefit to my property in this instance.
Online Submission	I would like to see some of the funds collected allocated to Forresters Beach
Online Submission	Always was a bad look, the appearance of just another money grab. Just put up the rates, no one would be the wiser. Everybody wins! Yeah, I know it is based on the unimproved value, just vary the rate!
Online Submission	This makes perfect sense as maintenance of the stormwater system is necessary and requires adequate funding.
Online Submission	The levy should be retained, to fund essential infrastructure maintenance.
Online Submission	Logical and there is no option
Online Submission	I find it totally disgusting that council charge us at all for the Drainage charge ! We receive NO service regarding drainage maintenance. We have had to do our own on several occasions.
Online Submission	I don't support this change as the charge will be linked to the land value of my property. At the moment it is based upon a general charge rate. This is unfair as properties with a higher value will pay more.
Online Submission	I do not believe that this proposed transfer of water rates to Council rates will not result in a rise in the water rates payment. We already pay very large water rates.
Online Submission	The Council rates and Water rates charges in Terrigal have increased at the highest rate that I have ever experienced in all the years I have lived in NSW. I fear that the increases in council rates and water rates will eventually drive many people to move away from Terrigal. I think that if the Central coast council is going to make another submission to Lpart it should begin by removing the additional rates increase 15% (surcharge) that was applied over the period of the administration of the council. I cannot understand how it is possible that living on a tiny block in a duplex I can be charged so much each year when the council does not even take responsibility for cutting the grass verges on the streets. Council needs to get its priorities right. There are too many bright sparks or interest groups lobbying, when a lot of places don't even have safe pavements to walk along! Or safe lanes to drive on where their cars don't get ruined by driving on pothole ridden roads.

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Online Submission	I fail to see why rate-payers especially ones that have been on the Central Coast for 25 yrs or more have to pay a Stormwater drainage charge when we have no stormwater drainage! We have no curb and guttering and the rain water just runs down the street and into the lake - it is absolute hypocrisy to be charged for something that council refuses to supply - either curb and gutter our streets or remove this fee from those who do not have curb and guttering - fair is fair - why should we pay for the richer suburbs to be preferred over the poorer ones when we pay our fair share of rates? Why don't you get off your backsides and come and actually drive the back suburban streets and see in real time what the problem is - you won't have to go far, just get off the main roads and travel the back roads from Long Jetty to Norahville and over to Budgewoi, San Remo, Charmhaven and the lower parts of Blue Haven - come see how your real constituents live!
Online Submission	I note that in your notes you say the stormwater drainage supports everyone. You also say the rates will be paid by all those that pay it now, which infers some ratepayers do/will not pay the charge. If everyone benefits, why doesn't everyone pay? You also talk about the legislation, but what is the legislation?
Online Submission	While I support the maintenance of infrastructure services and maintenance thereon, it's unclear what has really made this necessary.. It is just cost shifting.
Online Submission	Rates are too dear compared to other councils
Online Submission	Why? Please explain the reason honestly without using unprovable facts. If we, the ratepayers, own the assets, how will the change save costs? You are also misrepresenting the facts by stating that a reduction in income to the Council. Does this mean you were planning an increase in water rates? You have full rights to publish my questions and compare them with other submissions.
Online Submission	It will increase my rates notice but my pension rebate will remain the same I expect so I may have difficulties in paying each quarter. How do the drains get cleaned out when the gutters in most streets are full of leaves and debris?
Online Submission	I don't even know why we pay for stormwater drainage charges in Umina as there is no drainage infrastructure to speak of in most areas - AND to zone Umina as a flood zone is just a farce.
Online Submission	Council is currently not being transparent as to whether properties on the western side of the freeway are going to receive an increase in their bills.. though we currently don't pay water rates due to tank water. Each time council has been contacted a different answer is provided, often contradictory to the one provided on the frequently asked questions section explaining the proposed changes. So no..I don't support the changes.
Online Submission	This changes nothing in the scheme of things, it used to be charged on the rates years ago. It is only a reallocation of charges that currently exist and supports the maintenance of essential infrastructure.
Online Submission	I agree as this as it should be charged on rate notice like it used to be when Wyong shire council used to bill the rates. On the water account we only ever paid for water usage and that it

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Online Submission	Don't care where the charge sits but do object to being charged by Council for stormwater drainage where it is nothing more than a dangerous ditch at the side of the road. Been like that for over sixty years.
Online Submission	I don't think this charge should apply at all As the service does not exist in my street
Online Submission	I do not currently pay a CC water bill (I am on tank water) so this would become an additional fee to my rates bill. Can council clarify that this fee would only be applied to the rates of those who currently pay the Drainage Charge?
Online Submission	Makes sense to have it on the Rates bill where it used to be.
Online Submission	It is a good suggestion to shift where this gets billed as the stormwater drainages will be looked after by an entirely different directorate in council to whom look after water supply and sewerage. I support the proposed change if the council ensures there is no increment to the amount charged and there will be no effect on higher increments in future compared to this getting charged with water bill.
Online Submission	It doesn't affect me and I think stormwater is a handy thing supplied by council
Online Submission	There are a significant amount of streets in Umina Beach and surrounding suburbs that don't have kerb and gutter and therefore no stormwater. The residents that have no kerb and gutter should be given a 50% discount on the current and any future charge. We have some of the highest rates in NSW and abysmal infrastructure to show for it
Online Submission	There is a good reason why the charge can't be on the water bill anymore, it shouldn't be brought over as it is deemed a normal service that should be handled with existing funds/rates, it shouldn't be a separate charge
Online Submission	In my suburb we have no drainage. No kerbs, no footpaths. I think Council raises more than it spends.
Online Submission	I formally object to the proposed change that would remove stormwater charges from water bills and incorporate them into council rates. As a resident of Saratoga/davistown, most of our area has no formal stormwater infrastructure services. There is no kerb, guttering, or dedicated stormwater drainage. Rainwater runoff flows into natural ground or informal channels, and residents are responsible for managing water flow and erosion on their own properties. This proposal assumes a level of service that does not exist!!!! Transferring without any infrastructure upgrade or service delivery effectively forces residents to subsidise stormwater systems they do not benefit from. I request: An exemption or rebate for properties without kerb, guttering, or stormwater infrastructure, A commitment to upgrade stormwater infrastructure before imposing charges after all, the amount of funds mismanagement and overpayment of council representatives should have something for residents to show for it.
Online Submission	I do not support this. It will adversely impact shire residents who are supporting the housing supply shortage. We need to encourage them not penalise them.
Online Submission	As I pay this fee on our bills, I feel that bills under the current system are unpredictable. With this change we can plan for this cost well in advance. I feel this is a good change as all other bills are going up. This will help all in our local community for the better.

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Online Submission	There is no information provided as to why not transferring it will cause a decrease in monies to council.
Online Submission	The fact that we don't receive any services from council as regards stormwater or drainage. Have complained twice about flooding to my home being caused by stormwater crossing the road and then down to my property from the uphill neighbours property, with no resolution. What am I paying for when I'm out digging trenches next to the road to divert this storm water to prevent my house flooding?
Online Submission	Our rates already pay for drainage. Council decided to double dip by adding it to the water bill. IPART caught you out so now you want to transfer it to our land rates. Just another example of incompetence from the corrupt council.
Online Submission	Can the council confirm; a) that 100% of the current drainage charge is exclusively used for drainage? b) same question after the proposed transfer. This is an opportunity to Council to be open and transparent and "win" some support from an increasingly cynical and negative population of ratepayers towards CCC. I would vote Yes on that basis...
Online Submission	When rate increases this charge will also increase
Online Submission	Why create move administration costs to transfer from one to the other? Keep it as is storm water relates to a water account. You will just confuse ratepayers.
Online Submission	I do not support ANY charge, as my property does not have kerb and guttering, therefore no stormwater drainage. Why am I paying for a service that I don't receive? Please answer the question.
Online Submission	You haven't provided any information on why the legislation is changing and the reasons behind that change. I.e. is Council expected to have done something for this charge to be no longer needed and it hasn't been done? If the charge is currently being applied for it's intended purpose, how come there has been so much flooding in the area in the last 12 months? You haven't given sufficient information to justify support for this proposal.
Online Submission	I agree with the transfer as I would like Council's current service levels to be maintained.
Email submission	This email was sent before the closing time was retuned due to email address problem Please read this report There are Six Acreage Lots in this area ,(4) Four Dams with like 400 mm Plus Piping , Plus Drainage's all connecting together Our Stormwater , which goes from Property to next Property Etc which then goes into the Creek , then Tuggerah Lake . The Water is Filtered by the Grass in the Creek plus Dam Settlement . We Shouldn't be Paying any Stormwater Rates , Because as a Group, Up Front 20 Years ago We put the money up to Create This Unity System . If the Council was to encourage Groups like Us when Building , To do things like This , it would reduce many of There Problems . I would encourage , Someone of Council to come Out to Properties and see what was done . The 4 Dams reduce Flooding in Heavy Rain Period , Create a Settlement Pond for Soil Pollution caused by the Massive water run Off .

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	IN W.A. Most Homes have NO Gutters , the Water just settles into the Ground , There are other areas where the Stormwater is piped or by Gutters just go into Open Ponds . But you CANT have those any more as Kids can Drown in Them , They forget about the Thousands who learn To Swim in Them . So NO Stormwater Rate charges For Us. If Nobody rings or contacts Me , I will Ring You . Thank You for the information .
	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your proposed storm water drainage charge transfer. We do not consent to having Central Coast Council to apply a drainage charge to the rate notice under the purported Local Government Act 1993. The charges outlined on Council's water account are already substantial & all the water services need to remain on one Water Account so the people who are classed as 'rate payers' can keep track of all the excessive water charges already charged. If this cannot continue then it should be abolished entirely. There should not be any storm water drainage charges for anyone let alone people (like us) who live high on a mountain & are not prone to flash flooding or potential issues with drainage. To maintain funding we suggest that the CEO, mayor & deputy mayor take a pay cut & stop wasting money on non-essential services. The roads & infrastructure is already funded by the state government & from the excise in fuel. Anything to do with the roads is the responsibility of Local government & therefore should be funded by the local government alone as there should be ample funds for this. Also, in future, if proprietors own their land IN FEE SIMPLE, they should not be coerced into paying any charges or fees. There is no commencement date for the Local Government Act 1993 so we are baffled to see this Act being used for fraudulent gains & enrichment. Please note, if proprietors are listed on the Title Deeds (your Certificate of Title) as Joint Tenants, please do the courtesy of sending letters to both people & not just the male proprietor! Overall, IPART should not approve this special variation.
Email submission	Re: Submission on Proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer In response to Council's letter dated 5 December 2015 seeking responses from property owners by Sunday 11 January 2026 in relation to the above proposal, we request that you consider the following issues as part of this consultation process. Our concerns include, but are not limited to, the following dot points: * It should be noted that Council seems to have excluded a number of property owners from the consultation process because its letter is not addressed to each registered property owner. The timing of the consultation process seems to be somewhat strategic as most property owners are away from home, or simply too busy, over the Christmas and New Year period to contribute to the process. Both of these issues could be interpreted by some as a potential means to narrow the scope of the consultation process; and possibly, to skew the consultation findings. If so, this seems somewhat unreasonable especially when the Council is seeking to obtain financial gain that may/may not detrimentally affect ratepayers in the long-term. * Council letter does not provide sufficient information to make an informed decision about how water, sewerage and drainage issues should be managed and by whom if a Variation is not obtained. Council seems more intent on recouping the

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	moneys than the process. Perhaps, it is time to cut back to basic services for everyone to meet the budget. * The letter states that the Stormwater Drainage Charge is applied to most properties but does not explain the criteria for exempt and inclusive properties. * Could you please provide the number of exempt properties and define the criteria for an exempt and inclusive property. * Is there a process available for property owners to have their properties reclassified due to special circumstances to be an exempt property? * Council has levied Water and Stormwater Drainage Charges on most properties in Matcham even though no water, sewerage or drainage system exists. This charge may be unlawful because there is no infrastructure available. Frequently asked Questions * The inclusion of the storm water drainage charge into the into the general rates, over time will likely increase the amount of our Council Rates because the rates are based on land value, that is unlikely to reduce. IPART may have pegged the Council Rates at 3.2% currently but property values continue to grow. * The letter states that 'there is no direct nett impact to the total amount you pay, the transfer would mean a cumulative increase to Council's rate income of 12.67% (including 3.2% rate peg). Council has not provided details of the gross impact the process may have on property owners if a Variation is sought but indicates that the process would have 'a cumulative increase to Council's rate income'. Seeking a Variation could likely impact property owners financially long-term. * The Stormwater Drainage Charge does not benefit all property owners as there are a significant number of properties not connected to the water mains, sewerage system and literally have no water drainage system. The Council imposes a Stormwater Drainage Charge on these properties even though the infrastructure does not exist. This levy may be illegal and should be investigated to ensure it meets appropriate legislation. * The Stormwater and Drainage Charge should only be applied to water, sewerage and drainage specific projects to develop and maintain water, sewerage and drainage networks only. The Stormwater charge should not be used for the construction and/or maintenance of roads, footpaths and kerb guttering as they are road assets that should be funded by the general rates. * The New South Wales Government appears to have changed the legislation to protect any alleged misuse of Storm Water Drainage charges to create a common platform that will enable easy integration of water and drainage systems across the State due to ongoing development of land. As a result, the Council may no longer have the responsibility of managing these functions or accessing the levies imposed on land owners. * If a special Variation is sought from the State Government, the process will likely incur a significant financial investment from property owners to support the Council's proposed process that may that may be quickly dismissed by the decision-maker, the New South Wales Government that has primacy in legislation. This could be an unwarranted expense without achieving any advantage for ratepayers. * If a special Variation is sought and approved, it may have to be 'unpicked' at a later date to allow the potential amalgamation of other services to accommodate consistency across the State to address the rapidly developing housing construction industry. If so, this could result in a significant financial burden for the Council and

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	ultimately property owners. * Property owners have already incurred significant financial costs due to the decisions of Council and it would be unfair for property-holders to be disadvantaged again. Council members should be held liable for their decisions, especially if they are detrimental to the public at large without any significant benefit gained. * The current level of services provided in Matcham appears well below average, with the exception of the garbage service. We don't have street lights and have possibly the worst potholed road in the suburb. We don't have the luxury of a mains water, sewerage or drainage system. Our property values are high resulting in excellent revenue for the Council but are expected to carry the financial burden without access to amenities others take for granted. This does not seem fair or acceptable. * Council currently allows water to drain from the roadway near 246 Oak Road through private property even though water easements do not exist. Significant building and earthworks around this site has exacerbated the issue resulting in significant flooding during torrential rain which completely blocks the roadway. Council seems to have completely overlooked this issue as it was excluded from an audit of water issues in Oak Road. This was disappointing as Council was aware of the problem. No rectification or remedial work has been undertaken to-date. Landowners impacted by the flooding water are currently considering options available to prevent further erosion of protected woodland in Oak Road. Perhaps a 'user pays option' could be viable. Concerned Property Owners 11 January 2026 Note: It would be appreciated if Council could withhold our names, address, email address and any other contact information to protect our identity under the Privacy Act 1988 as we do not wish to be identified or contacted in any way by any other individual.

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Email submission	Drainage Variation – Central Coast Council Submission Background: CCC is, has been and will always be a difunctional body of bureaucrats with no vision for the community it serves and represents other than for themselves. Try getting just one pothole fixed – current practice is to mend them not actually fix them with no accountability, so they become a pothole again within 1 week. The same with water service and delivery. So as soon as the word variation is adopted, it means a permanent price hike, usually above rates of inflation. We have already seen this with both rates and water variations since merger and administrator running CCC. Water Rate Hike: Residents in CCC area have already faced a rate of 15% annually for next 3 years since an administrator took over. That is now a permanent charge. There will be NO difference for drainage transfer amendment. The precedent of distrust has already been implemented. That we were promised for a period of 3 years. LIES. Common sense should prevail here. How are local residents of CCC going to pay for such massive increases to rates and services? Council has spent \$200K plus to engage a private company to prepare a good submission to IPART for this water and sewer increase few years ago. Why is such a significant amount of money to be used in this way when Council has Executives that can't prepare the same? Once again there's no value for money for the rate payers. The mismanagement of CCC bureaucracy pertaining to this water and drainage rate increase was further highlighted in a IPART public forum on 26 February 2022 where there were 16 (that's right – 16!) of its staff in attendance to stack and intimidate the audience. Ironically only 3 (yes 3!) actually spoke on the subject. What does that suggest? Don't these council employees have other tasks to hand, potholes to fix, write their own submission and save residents \$200 K in the process? IPART needs to take note of the seriousness of this CCC problem now. Analysis: IPART is meant to protect customers (residents) from monopoly pricing and gouging. But in this case, it has fallen and succumbed to the ongoing relentless pressure of CCC acting CEO and its bureaucrats' lobbying tactics. Any variation to drainage charges rates is not going to lead any significant and noticeable improvement in water and sewer and drainage services. Past increase with no accountability has demonstrated this. Where will such absorbate increases IPART has granted go? To an ongoing inefficient CCC bureaucracy (they spent \$200 K on getting outside consultants write the water submission in the first place ...). Morale in CCC is at rock bottom. Just ask any CCC employee you see on the streets, parks and gardens. The incentive to improve performance and productivity is simply not there. Why? When they see the huge waste and over the top annual salary of the top CCC brass, it is no wonder. A 19% increase to water will not see any improvement to service and delivery. If the 16 CCC employees IPART needs to see the whole picture here, not just one piece of the puzzle. Conclusion: CCC just sees it's residents as a way to rescue its problems and seek outrageous

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	increases from IPART to do so. Combined rates and water increase will amount to a combined 34% burden for local CCC residents. Say this aloud to yourselves so you can truly understand our sagacity burden. An objective pricing regulator would clearly understand and see that. Why has IPART failed to do so? The recent resident survey to analyse responses to these water and sewer increases notes that only 2% of residents will be able to afford them. Remember, it was privilege, not poverty that was the cause of the French Revolution and others. CCC can source other areas of revenue. If Rangers did their jobs and booked dog owners taking their animals on beaches illegally would net \$1000s of revenue per day for Council. Just one example. Sources of Readily Available Income - Employ more rangers. There is a wealth of income to be derived. Eg. Recent visit to Umina Beach saw at least 10 dogs unleashed with their owners in the No Dog Zone, one cannot use Paddy Clifton Oval or Gavenlock Ovals at Narara in the afternoons because of the same dog problem and the same with Bateau Bay Beach (Wyrabalong NP) and the same at The Skillion Terrigal. Fines or these offences should incur a \$275 penalty – these are just a couple of locations from a wide geographical area where 100s of fines/revenue can be obtained. - Issue fines to major shopping retailers for not being accountable to the collection of their shopping trolleys from streets, parks, roadside and creeks – again impound them and charge them a release fee (Lane Cove Council, Hunters Hill Council and others in Sydney do this and raise much needed revenue). - I have brought both these issues to Council with minimal interest and or no response.
Email submission	I OBJECT very strongly to Council adding the stormwater drainage charge to council rates. Our rates are too high already compared with other councils. I have two residential properties one in Willoughby and the one in Pearl Beach. Comparing the council rates of each property, based on the land value according to Revenue NSW, the rates for the Pearl Beach property are approximately 40% higher than the Willoughby property, but the Willoughby property is valued at approximately 30% more than the Pearl Beach property. Central Coast Council rates are patently out of line. Land value. \$1,260.00. Rates. \$4,063.77 per year Land value. \$2,860.00. Rates. \$2,860.00 per year As you can see, if Willoughby Council can absorb the stormwater drainage charge in its rates and still charge so much less, then Central Coast Council should be able to absorb a cost of less than \$40 in its already exorbitant rates. Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

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Email submission	I am writing in response to the correspondence received advising that Central Coast Council intends to issue a Special Variation application to transfer stormwater drainage charges from water bills to the general rates notice, citing legislative changes to the Water Management Act effective from 1 July 2026. I acknowledge and understand Council's advice that, due to amendments to the Water Management Act, stormwater drainage charges can no longer be levied through water bills after 30 June 2026. I also recognise that stormwater infrastructure is an essential public service that requires ongoing funding, and that Council must identify an alternative lawful mechanism to recover these costs. However, I am concerned that the proposed approach may result in an increased financial burden on residents, particularly in the context of recent and ongoing increases to both council rates and water-related charges. While Council has indicated that this is a transfer of costs rather than the introduction of a new charge, it is not yet clear how this will operate in practice or whether ratepayers will genuinely experience no net increase. My concerns and comments are outlined below. 1. Clarity on whether customers should still be charged for stormwater services The legislative change appears to prevent how stormwater drainage is charged (via water bills), rather than removing the ability for Council to recover stormwater costs altogether. I therefore accept that stormwater services may continue to be funded through rates under the Local Government Act. That said, it is important that Council clearly communicates that this change does not represent a new service or an expanded service, but merely a change in funding mechanism. Any perception that the legislative change is being used to justify increased revenue beyond current stormwater funding undermines community trust. 2. Assurance of no net increase to total household costs Council correspondence refers to a transfer of costs; however, residents require a clear and transparent assurance that this transfer will not result in a net increase in total charges. I respectfully request that Council provide: * A clear, side-by-side comparison showing the current average household cost of stormwater drainage (as charged on the water bill) versus the proposed increase to rates. * Confirmation that water bills will be reduced by an equivalent amount once the stormwater charge is removed. * An explanation of how this will apply across different property categories, including residential, strata, and pensioner-concession households. Without this information, it is difficult for residents to meaningfully assess whether the proposal is fair or proportionate. 3. Interaction with recent and future rate increases Many residents are already experiencing cost-of-living pressures, compounded by recent rate increases and utility cost rises. Introducing a Special Variation at the same time as transferring stormwater costs creates a reasonable concern that the overall financial impact on households may be significantly higher than presented. I ask Council to clarify: * Whether the proposed Special Variation is strictly limited to replacing the existing stormwater revenue currently collected via water bills. * Whether any portion of the proposed increase relates to broader budget pressures

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	unrelated to stormwater. * How Council will prevent “rate creep” in future years once stormwater funding is embedded into general rates. 4. Transparency and accountability for stormwater expenditure If stormwater drainage is to be funded through rates, it is essential that there is clear accountability for how this funding is used. I request that Council provide: * Clear reporting on stormwater expenditure, including maintenance, upgrades, and capital works. * Assurance that transferred funds will be ring-fenced or otherwise transparently tracked, so residents can see that money previously paid via water bills continues to be spent on stormwater services. * Information on whether service levels will be maintained, improved, or reduced under the new funding model. 5. Consultation and community confidence I appreciate that Council is undertaking a consultation process as part of the Special Variation application. However, for this consultation to be meaningful, residents must be given clear, accessible, and complete information about the financial implications. I encourage Council to ensure that: * Communication avoids technical language that obscures real cost impacts. * Modelling assumptions are clearly explained. * Feedback from the community is genuinely considered before any final decision is made. Conclusion In summary, I accept that legislative changes require Council to cease charging stormwater drainage on water bills after 30 June 2026. I also accept that stormwater services must continue to be funded. My concern is not with the legality of the transfer itself, but with the risk that residents may ultimately pay more overall, without sufficient transparency or justification. I respectfully request that Council provide clear assurances that this proposal represents a genuine cost transfer only, with no hidden increases, and that the financial pressures on households are fully considered in the decision-making process. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. I look forward to Council’s response and to a transparent outcome that balances legislative compliance with fairness for the community.
Email submission	As a resident of Bar Point, I’m not sure why we are being charged this fee at all. In your letter, you state that: “Council currently applies a Stormwater Drainage Charge to most properties in the council area.” Can you tell me what type of properties are not charged this fee? However, if this is simply an exercise in reducing admin/paperwork, then it makes sense to move it to the rates notice. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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Email submission	Please see attached my objecting submission in reply to Central Coast Council's letter of 5 December 2025, which alerted me of Council's proposal to transfer its Stormwater Drainage Charge to rate notices. I'd like to point out that Council sent the letter no earlier than five weeks after the proposal's public exhibition opened on 31 October 2025 for ten weeks. Objection to Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer I'm replying to Council's letter of 5 December 2025 about moving the Stormwater Drainage Charge (SDC) from water bills to rate notices. Council proposes applying to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for a Special Variation (SV) permitting Council to add a Drainage Charge to rate notices under the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA). This is to recover around \$22m per annum that from 1 July 2026 Council will no longer collect via the SDC on water bills, following assent of the Water Management Amendment (Central Coast Council) Bill on 15 August 2024 (The Bill). The Bill ended Council's function as a statutory water supply authority and with that its ability to charge ratepayers the SDC. The Bill was introduced to the Legislative Assembly on 21 June 2024 by David Harris MP as Minister for the Central Coast. The Bill effects the so-called local government model of regulating Council's provision of water and sewerage services by the LGA alone, except that water and sewerage pricing is still set by IPART. According to Mark Buttigieg MLC in his second reading speech to the Legislative Council on 8 August 2024, the NSW Government when drafting The Bill consulted with Central Coast Council, the NSW Water Directorate, Local Government NSW, the Office of Local Government, IPART, NSW Treasury, and NSW Health. I object to the proposed SV for these reasons: 1. Council can afford to manage the stormwater drainage network without the SV and without redirecting money from its other services. 2. For residential zoning, the proposed Drainage Charge grossly exceeds the maximum charge for stormwater management that Council may levy under LGA regulations. 3. Council has not been timely or forthright in its community consultation about the SV. SV unnecessary to fund stormwater drainage In its letter, Council says it has only two ways of raising the \$22m it claims to need to continue managing stormwater drainage. It can either cut other Council services or have IPART approve the SV.

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	In his first reading speech back in June 2024 David Harris told parliament that Council had a \$40m surplus in 2021-22 and a \$28m surplus in 2022-23. During that period ratepayers were paying the SDC (worth \$22m) via our water bills as well as our new specially varied (increased) rates. Harris then explained that the purpose of the amendment was to fix the regulatory complexity that was unique to Council of operating under two legislative frameworks for water supply and sewerage. He said that same complexity directly contributed to Council's bankruptcy in 2020. The Bill, he said, would reduce regulatory costs for the Council on multiple fronts. Here in summary from the Minister's speech are two relevant points, and from Council's own financial reporting a further three points, about Council's financial position: 1. Council had surpluses exceeding \$22m in the two years to 2022-23. Page 2 of 3 2. In 2023-24 Council had a consolidated net operating surplus after overheads and before capital amounts of \$38.6m against a budgeted surplus of \$25.9m^{1,2}. 3. In 2024-25 Council's consolidated net operating surplus after overheads and before capital amounts was \$28.5m against a budgeted surplus of \$37.9m³. 4. In 2024-25 Council's General (+Drainage & Waste) Fund had a net operating surplus after overheads and before capital amounts of \$22.6m³. 5. The Bill has given Council the benefit of permanent cost savings from reduced regulatory compliance for water and sewerage services. Surplus values I've quoted don't include significant Federal and NSW capital grants and contributions into the General (+Drainage & Waste) Fund and the Water & Sewer Fund since 2021-22. I understand these pay most of Council's stormwater costs (i.e. constructing and repairing drains and waste traps). Considering the budgeted and actual positive operating surpluses since 2021-22 there's no obvious need either for the SV or for service cuts. In my view Council can absorb its reasonable costs of managing stormwater (see below), continue meeting its other obligations, stick to its financial strategy⁴, and improve its LTFP5 forecasts – all without the SV. The Bill enables Council to use money in its water and other Funds interchangeably. As of November 2025 cash used to repay Council's emergency loans is on hand. The LTFP forecasting of 2023 is missing the compliance savings enjoyed

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	since 2024, and these would be substantial if as former costs they're partly blamed for the bankruptcy. As a ratepayer, it's hard to see the proposed SV as anything but a move by Council to claw back a chunk of raw revenue that The Bill took away during post-2020 efforts to fix Council's woes. Proposed Drainage Charge is excessive and unsubstantiated By my reading of Council's letter and other references, Council's attitude is that ratepayers have worn the SDC for years so can hardly complain about it now. Council says all it seeks from IPART is permission to shift the SDC from one bill to another one and to give it a new name. Council will cut-and-paste SDC values as they are. The letter fails to mention that: 1. Council already has IPART's blessing to transfer stormwater costs (i.e. the SDC) to rate notices⁶. 2. The purpose of the SV application to IPART, in the exact wording endorsed by Councillors, is "to increase Council's general income to accommodate the amount required to replace the revenue [from the SDC] previously generated through the Water Management Act"⁷. 3. The Bill excludes Council's pricing of stormwater drainage services from IPART regulation. 4. Council has not calculated, and thus not substantiated, its proposed new Drainage Charge using the standard methods for NSW councils which are available for its use in the Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines⁸ published by the NSW Department of Local Government. Part 125A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 sets the maximum (and entirely optional) annual charge that Council may levy for stormwater management services from 1 July 2026. The most common example is urban residential zoning with a maximum charge of \$25.00 per annum per parcel of rateable land. 1 2024, August – Monthly Finance Report (https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/about-council/council/finance-monthly-reports) 2 2024, June – Monthly Finance Report (https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/about-council/council/finance-monthly-reports) 3 2025, August – Monthly Finance Report (https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/about-council/council/finance-monthly-reports) 4 Financial Sustainability Strategy, adopted 28 November 2023, Central Coast Council 5 Long Term Financial Plan, adopted 28 November 2023, Central Coast Council 6 Review of Central Coast Council water prices – Funding stormwater services, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW, May 2022, p14

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	7 Central Coast Council – Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, 7.5 Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer – Consultation and IPART Application – For Endorsement, 28 October 2025 8 Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines, NSW Department of Local Government, 2006, ISBN 1 920766 44 8 Page 3 of 3 In my case the LGA regulated maximum charge of \$25.00 per annum compares with the residential SDC on my current water bill (set by IPART back when Council was a water authority) of \$36.94 per quarter, or \$147.76 per annum. In other words, Council's proposed new residential Drainage Charge on my rate notice, equal to the old SDC on my water bill, will be nearly five times greater than the regulated maximum annual charge for stormwater management that may be levied by councils in NSW. Council has done no work using standard methods to establish reasonable costs for stormwater management which it should recover from ratepayers and allow in its budgets. And this after Council was warned by IPART in 2022 that its spending on stormwater management, funded by the SDC, was both inefficient and unsustainable⁹. Ratepayers are led to believe this SV will merely give Council a new way to delight us with an old familiar fee. But if my residential example is typical of other ratepayers, the SV will instead give Council a windfall gain over the annual stormwater management levies (and likely true costs) regulated under the new local government model by which Council is now supposed to operate. Inadequate community consultation Cynics will wonder if Council's period of community consultation on the SV was deliberately saved for the 2025-26 Christmas and new year holidays; roughly a year and a half after The Bill was introduced. David Harris in his first reading speech revealed that "Council is already transitioning to cost recovery for the provision of stormwater via council rates from 1 July 2026". As far back as November 2021 Council had informed IPART of its resolution to "transfer the SDC to a stormwater drainage special rate variation or equivalent under the LGA" and to add the SDC to rate notices¹⁰. Yet only now is Council seeking community feedback, just weeks before submitting its SV application to IPART on 3 February 2026⁷. Cynics will suspect that's because Council must make a show to IPART of having consulted the

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	community about action Council decided long ago that it will take anyway. Concluding remarks Council's headline claim that there'll be no impact to the total amount paid by ratepayers is at best disingenuous. If IPART approves the SV as it's described in the letter (and IPART recommends this change⁶ so is almost certain to approve it) then sure; ratepayers won't pay Council more than we have been paying. But, thanks to The Bill, we are already set to pay less when the SDC disappears from our water bills in July 2026. The letter and Council's other public information about the SV obscures the big picture and, in my opinion, cries wolf on the financial risks to Council of not submitting the SV. Finally, come 1 July 2026 there is no way that Central Coast Council should get away with charging ratepayers more for stormwater management services than the maximum annual charges set by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021. I look forward to Council providing monopolised water, sewerage, and stormwater services on the same basis and as competently as other local governments in NSW without resorting to novel and excessive levies on ratepayers.
Email submission	This email is in response to Council's letter dated 5/12/25 concerning the proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. I object to the transfer as I consider the significance and justification for the charge will be lost or camouflaged amongst the general rate details on the rate notice. I also take this opportunity to seek Council's review / exemption from the imposition of its Stormwater Drainage Charge on Woy Woy. That vacant parcel is an inholding surrounded by the Brisbane Water National Park with no Council controlled drainage system connection to, or available for connection to, that land. I therefore consider that Council's classification of that land under section 313(1) of the Water Management Act, 2000 and Clause 92 of the Regulations 2025, is erroneous and that that parcel should not be subject to a Stormwater Drainage Charge. I would welcome a review of that charge with a view to exempting that property from that charge.

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Email submission	With reference to your letter dated 5/12/2025 we wish to advise that after living at Chain Valley Bay for 40 years, we still don't have stormwater or kerb and guttering in the street therefore we do NOT agree with having to pay this levy for services not provided.
Email submission	Submission sent today. Could you please send a copy

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Email submission	RE: PROPOSED STORMWATER DRAINAGE TRANSFER I refer to the Council's correspondence dated 5th December 2025 seeking community feedback on the proposed IPART Special Variation to move the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. I am the registered owner of Lot 71 DP 635009, 2/101 Excelsior Street, Lisarow and for many years I have been reluctantly paying the Stormwater Drainage Charge levied on my property by the Council. Application of this charge to my property is unreasonable and should be removed for the following reasons: This is an acreage property of 2.1ha covered in natural bushland and ornamental gardens. The only hardstand areas are the residence and shed roof areas of 270m²; The only services to this property provided by Council are a weekly garbage collection service and the irregular maintenance of a single lane extension of Excelsior Street north of Dora Street, providing road access to all rural residential properties located north of Dora Street; All roof rainwater flows are directed to water storage tanks providing my private domestic water supply. There is no Council reticulated water supply to my property; There is no Council stormwater drainage infrastructure in the immediate locality. An intermittent watercourse traverses my property on which is located a small farm dam that acts as a stormwater detention basis. The stormwater that falls onto my property is predominantly absorbed by the natural landscape and does not generate any significant off-site run-off, other than to make a minor contribution to environmental flows within the intermittent natural drainage system during infrequent heavy rainfall events. In short, there is no reasonable basis for the Council to apply a Stormwater Drainage Charge to my property, and I request that it be removed. There is no established nexus between the natural water cycle and domestic rainwater storage occurring on my property and the Council sourcing funding for essential stormwater drainage services within urban areas.
Email submission	My feedback to changing this stormwater charge as 'we don't have any drainage,' unless you call one hole on the corner No curb and gutters and cannot get flood cover insurance because there is no drainage! As the council has this as a flood zone. My house/ block has been in my family since 1930's and very little drainage has come to Patonga. We pay near \$150 a year for residential stormwater drainage, it's a joke and another charge which probably will be increased. Same as the road at both ends of Brisk St Patonga, which has been resurfaced when between Bay and Patonga Sts needs to be repaired properly not wasting money for cars to park at each end of Brisk. Most of the peninsula is without drainage, and the letter sent out says, ' funds maintenance and replacement of existing stormwater infrastructure and construction of new'. This area has had very little if no new infrastructure for the last 60 years. Same as the roads. My email will probably be deleted and no reply, but I need to at least show my disapproval.

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Email submission	I have recieved your proposed stormwater drainage charge transfer information. My protest is regarding the councils stormwater drainage area between the two properties of Summerland point, NSW 2259. This approximately 5 metre area from the road to the waterfront has been maintained by the two owners for many years. If this had not been done, major water erosion damage would have been done to the two properties and land erosion to the lake. This year it cost me over \$5000 dollars to maintain the stormwater drainage area. There has never been any road maintenance and no gutters and no drains to direct the rainwater to this 5 metre area and no council actions to fix or maintain the drainage area. At times rainwater almost breaches the sandstone wall recently built. I feel that I should not be paying any charges, as I have been doing the maintenance. I have once applied to purchase the drainage 5 metre wide area. Without any response. If this happened then it would take the problem away from the CCC. Please give it some thought. Thank You.
Email submission	The letter concerning the proposed stormwater drainage charge transfer does not come as a surprise, because it was, at previous times, already on our rate paper. When the council put the charge from our rates to the water rates they said that it would reduce. Not only did our rates go up but now the charge for the amount of water actually USED is superseded by other charges. The charge for the water that we use is only a third of what we are charged on the total of our water rates. It is outrageous. I see this as a very sneaky way of increasing our rates and water. What are the changes in legislation that has made you shuffle things around again? You have not said what that legislation says. And why does council need a special variation? Sounds like a lot of words with nothing to say. When council rearranges paperwork and charges, it seems that the only ones who lose are the residents. Any increase of Councils rate income usually gets wasted, and I object to that. It would be very different if we could see value for outlay but there is so much that is neglected on the coast, very disappointing. You mention roads and maintenance as part of the funds that council has outlaid. You can't be serious in saying that our roads have improved. Time after time it is like driving like a drunk up some roads as they are a minefield of potholes and pits, yes pits. They are so deep. The interesting thing is that one hole will have a handful of tar thrown in it and the one next to it is left unfilled. There is serious lacking in management for that to be happening. f that is totalling \$8.8 million then someone needs to lose their job. So all in all council needs to do a better job of explaining why legislation has changed and if it is for the benefit of residents or the benefit of government. Skimming over the top with a letter saying what council has spent instead of letting us know what this legislation means with regard to the stormwater and WHY it has to be moved back to the rate paper. Having said that I think it would be beneficial and the correct action for council to do exactly that and send a letter to all residents outlining and explaining what this legislation is and put all of us in the picture.

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Email submission	I do not support this change. I live at Bar Point which has no active storm water management. We have been questioning the current charges for many years and have received zero assistance. We believe we should be exempt from any charges relating to storm water. The argument that we enjoy the community advantages of storm water do not add up. Individually the only time we set foot on Central Coast managed land is at Bar point, picking up our boat on Gosford Council Land. So all we enjoy is the clean up after severe run off from rainfall in our area. The Council does next to nothing for us either for our water charges or our rates. There is no active land management, we collect and service our own water supply, we have an unreliable electricity supply from Aus Grid, we don't have a road or any motor vehicle access so we arrive and depart from our own jetty, self serviced. So, I repeat, regrettably you do not have my support for this proposed change nor do you have my support for any continued charge for any kind of water service.
Email submission	I oppose this charge. As I have been the victim of neighbours blocked drains for years. And you have refused to assist me in this matter. Now you want residents to pay for what you have refused to do.
Email submission	I would like to lodge a disagreement with the above charge being transferred to our council rates. I believe this would not be in the best interests of the rate payers. Rates increase annually therefore this means if this is added to the rates this charge would also increase annually.
Email submission	please leave the Stormwater drainage transfer as it is, so far in 10 years living in Gosford we paid for stormwater drainage, but no service is done we have paid for nothing, please eliminate it completely, you people are looking for double dipping but no beneficial to us, you always crying poor and your Bank account are over the millions and that is not enough for you, the cost of living is expensive as it is, we don't need an extra burden..
Email submission	I refer to your letter dated 5 December 2025 regarding the above Drainage Charge Transfer, which I understand is to proceed. I note, however, that in the section titled "What does Council use the Stormwater Drainage Charge for?" it is stated that this charge does not fund the construction of kerb and gutter, as these works are classified as road assets and are funded through ordinary rates. My wife and I have been the owners of, Noraville for more than 50 years. During this entire period, we have consistently paid all required Council rates. Despite this long-standing contribution, our property still does not have kerb and gutter installed. Given the length of time we have owned the property and the fact that kerb and gutter works are funded through ordinary rates, we respectfully submit that our ongoing contributions should entitle us to consideration for the construction of kerb and gutter to our premises. We would appreciate Council's favourable consideration of this matter and advice as to whether approval and scheduling of these works can be granted. We look forward to your response.

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Email submission	I refer to your letter regarding Storm Water Drainage Charge Transfer. I am opposed to this charge being moved to to the Rate Notice. In the 11 years I have lived on the Central Coast I have never seen Council check or clear the Stormwater, The amount of rates that Council receives from the Rate Payers is beyond belief. Just another unjustified cost to the Community.
Email submission	I would like some action to be taken to rectify the drainage problem in Clare 2250. I have been trying for over 30 years. My property Point Clare 2250 takes the entirety o Streets stormwater runoff due to a lack of adequate drainage this is unacceptable and no longer sustainable. My property has been flooded on several occasions. I have been paying for a service I have never received. I don't see why this should continue. This is a drainage upgrade problem.
Email submission	I refer to your letter dated 05/12/2025 concerning splitting the stormwater charges off our current water bills. Our emphatic answer is NO!. Our reasons are as follows: 1) We DO NOT have stormwater services connected to our property. Our property adjoins Crown land which leads directly to Lake Budgewoi part of the Tuggerah Lakes exit to the Pacific Ocean. We should not therefore be paying any storm water charges and ask that they be discontinued from our water rates charges. 2) Our water usage on our last bill dated 12 September 2025 showed our water usage as doubling since the same period last year from 100L/day to 200L/day. This whilst still minimal seems not to be correct. We are highly conservative in our water usage. There are no visible leaks that we can detect. This usage figure on the front of our bill disagrees with the figure on the reverse side. Why? 3) Central Coast Council have gradually split general rates into firstly separate Land and water rates then increased both. We are not going to agree to let Council have another method of raising our water rates to increase total revenue to Council. 4) Whilst we understand Council's need to manage water resources sustainably our water usage / sewage wastewater service charges of \$357.95 per quarter compared to our actual water usage/wastewater charges of \$95.74 are already way out of proportion. We are an old well established suburb and can only presume we are heavily subsidising other council responsibilities, projects etc. which may or may not be water related. Witness the overall Federal Government take from motorists relative to the minute amount actually spent on roads and infrastructure. 5) we have received notices from council alleging access to read our meter is not available. Following an email to council refuting this, we happened to be at home and in our front garden when two CCC employees arrived unannounced to check on water meter access. One said he could easily read our meter and took a photo to illustrate to council this was so. Furthermore the employees said they visited our property in response to our email because they had been advised the hinged flap covering or meter had been damaged in some way. This is a clear case of council misinformation. Our flap is not damaged and never has been. If you check our email advised that when your meter readers attend our property they always fail to close the cover!!! What happens then is that foliage falls on the glass covering the numbers and the readers are too lazy to clean it and just say "Can't read it mate". We request council issue us a formal apology for the grief caused by your rude notices.

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	We hope we have made our position abundantly clear.
Email submission	I wish to formally register my strong objection to the proposed transfer of the stormwater drainage charge onto Council rates. Rates have already increased considerably over recent years, largely as a result of what I consider to be ongoing inefficiency and poor financial management by Central Coast Council. To impose an additional charge on ratepayers under these circumstances is unreasonable and unjustified. Water rates alone have increased by approximately 58% over the past four years, with a further 11.1% increase proposed for the coming year. In combination, total income from general rates and water rates has increased by around 50% over a five-year period. These increases are well in excess of wage growth and cost-of-living increases faced by households, placing significant financial strain on residents. I am also deeply concerned about the timing of Council's correspondence seeking ratepayer feedback on the proposed drainage transfer and Special Rate Variation. Issuing this letter only days before the Christmas holiday period appears cynical and undermines genuine community consultation, as many residents are understandably disengaged during this time. Council should be focused on improving efficiency, transparency, and accountability, rather than continually shifting additional costs onto ratepayers. I strongly oppose the transfer of the stormwater drainage charge to rates and urge Council to reconsider this proposal.
Email submission	Your notice advises that council's rate increase will be increased by 12.67%. If applied equally to all ratepayers, that would mean an increase of Council Rates for us of approximately \$380pa. Our present Stormwater Drainage Residential is approx \$140pa. That equates to an increase of \$240pa. Roughly trebling the cost, with no increase in services. If this is the case I object. If you plan to calculate the new drainage a different way based on land value, that may entail a different outcome, namely no increase in cost, as promised in Council's letter. That would be ok. Please advise what you are proposing. Address below.
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Email submission	We understand that you have to move the charges because of the ruling of (IPART) . Could you please explain to us why our storm water drainage costs approximately \$150 annually, compared to most Councils around us where the costs are only \$25 to \$50 annually? After much research on our behalf, you are attempting to put our water rates up by 11% which does not rate very well with us , considering our storm water and drainage charges are approximately 300-500% dearer annually than other councils around us!!!! Hoping to receive a reply to clarify this.
Email submission	Thank you for your letter of 5.12.25. You state that while there will be no "direct nett impact" on the total amount payable by me, there will be a cumulative increase to Council's rate income of 12.67%. How is this to be achieved? Does this mean that, although there will be no initial rise in fees, there will be a (quote) "cumulative increase" in fees over time?
Email submission	We are still paying the Administrator's Levy beyond the 3 year period it was supposed to apply. Take the Stormwater Drainage Charge out of the ongoing levy payment. When do we get relief from this levy?
Email submission	As above SHOULD NOT attract a drainage fee at all as it has no council infrastructure anywhere nearby & the argument that our runoff uses same on the way to the ocean "does not hold water ". We are zoned RURAL/CONSERVATION & want to keep it that way.
Email submission	I been hoping to voice my opinion as have all the property owners at Doyalson NSW 226 as this is a completer false charges and we should be charging council for the total lack of works done on the terrible so called drains in the past 16 years!! There has not been one single finger lifted by council in all this time to the state a lot of them are a health hazard and mosquito breeders. Ill go as far in saying this is fraud.
Email submission	I write in response to the letter regarding stormwater drainage charge. I am not challenging the change you want, I am challenging the fact that we do not have them down here. I have a "pretend drain" out the front of my place, going nowhere, constantly filling up & overflowing in heavy rains & it has been only cleared once in about 10-12yrs. We don't have proper stormwater drains here on the Peninsula, which floods everywhere when heavy rains come, especially around Woy Woy railway station roads. I was also accused of putting the drain in myself, as council have no record of it being installed.This leads to my question... why do we even have to pay for something we do not have?? I was told several years ago that the Peninsula will never have them... ever.... that every rate payer has to pay the charge regardless. Will be interested to hear your response.
Email submission	Please go ahead and charge my drainage bill to my Gosford rates instead of my water rates.
Email submission	I wish to express my 'no' to the proposed change. We live on a rural 2 1/2 acres and feel that Council provides us with no current drainage services.

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Email submission	I have been a resident of Green Point since 1981. The Stormwater Drainage charge should be abolished, as we have never had any stormwater drainage/guttering in our street. Furthermore, the payments that I have made (and my parents before me) for the last 40 years should be refunded. If you could please explain where the payments have been allocated that would be appreciated. The residents that DO have stormwater drainage/guttering in their street/road should be charged for the service, NOT the residents who don't have this service.
Email submission	I am happy as a central coast resident to support an ongoing charge for stormwater management. I would however like to see council checks to look at resident and business properties to ensure they have functioning connections between their downpipes from roof catchments to your stormwater systems and natural waterways. Blocked and misdirected pipes cause damage to property foundations and roads by allowing excessive groundwater build up. The majority of houses in my street do not have functioning stormwater pipes leading to the curb & gutter. I have examined this in heavy rain, with water forcing its way through imperfections on the road in certain areas. I wonder if this is the case throughout the central coast. It might explain to an extent why we seem to be the pothole capital of NSW. I am happy to see recent stormwater initiatives in my area and would encourage council to continue those.
Email submission	Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your correspondence dated 5/12/25 regarding the proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge transfer. As a local resident and homeowner, I believe that stormwater drainage is a core local government service that should be funded through standard annual council rates, rather than imposed as an additional charge. Central Coast Council previously advised that rates would decrease once all ratepayers had contributed to addressing past financial mismanagement. To date, this reduction has not occurred. This raises concerns about whether Council can be trusted to administer funds responsibly, or whether additional mechanisms will continue to be used to increase the financial burden on local ratepayers, many of whom are already under significant cost-of-living pressure. From 1 July 2026, Council should act in the community's best interests and discontinue the application of this charge on the water bill, under the Water Management Act 2000. In closing, it is disappointing that this correspondence was received in December, a period when many residents are engaged in Christmas commitments or away on holidays, limiting their ability to consider the proposal fully, and provide informed feedback.
Email submission	Re:Proposed Stormwater Charge As you can imagine with council rates and water rate so expensive I strongly do not want to pay for any new charge.

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Email submission	I would like to submit feedback on the proposed introduction of a "Drainage Charge" to the local council rates. The objection is that my street does not have any stormwater drainage infrastructure. Despite being in a street and suburb with very high land values, there are no stormwater drains, guttering or flash flood mitigation on Reserve Drive Bateau Bay, and some surrounding streets. In my neighbourhood there is a piecemeal approach to road guttering, where it is installed on main roads, and either stops partway or is not supplied to feeder roads. My neighbour and I have photos of the muddied mess, and the subsequent grass and weed build up on the edge of the roadside on our street. Consideration needs to be given that the lowest part of Reserve Drive Bateau Bay (ie at the Picnic Area) gets rainwater run off from the large hill which goes up to Crackneck Point. So there is a considerable amount of flash flooding that we experience at this level of the Reserve Drive Bateau Bay. Actually, we should have kerbs and gutters installed on Reserve Drive! Charging ratepayers, like myself, for services and infrastructure which is not supplied is unsupportable, and may be illegal. My request is either to supply the kerbs and gutters on Reserve Drive Bateau Bay and impose a "Drainage Charge" to ratepayers; or keep the street as it is and do not charge residents of this street for services and infrastructure which are not received.
Email submission	In relation to the Proposed Stormwater Drainage charge Transfer letter dated 5th Dec, 2025 I have a few questions I would like to have answered What changes specifically have occurred that no longer allow this charge to be included under the Water Management Act 2000 on the water bill? What is the breakdown of the 12.67% - cumulative increase to Councils rate income The letter mentions that not everyone is subject to paying a stormwater drainage charge. What are the bodies, persons or circumstances under which these charges do not apply/
Email submission	I oppose council transferring stormwater Drainage Charge to my rate notice.
Email submission	I object to any increase in additional charges for water rates. I am currently paying \$262.21 in total for service charges for Sewer(waterwaste),Stormwater drainage and water services. My actual water usage charge is \$39.30. I do not appreciate Council now asking for additional charges with no details as to how the money will be spent and where. You have also not sent any audit accounts. You have a very unhappy ratepayer, so my answer is no, no increase in any charges with cost of living going up.
Email submission	At the bottom end of Tarwhine Ave the storm water constantly seep out the front of houses 1,3 and 5. In winter is especially dangerous with slime making it slippery and a health hazard. The drain is over grown with grass blocking the water. I contacted council and it took them over 2 months to clear it but that's not a permanent fix as it grows back again. With kerb and gutting this problem would be solved.

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Email submission	I would like to know why i pay these charges when i dont have kub and gutting. They have found it necessary to put it on the turn off where the lights are going in but not in our streets. I am in Tarwhine Ave and get all the water run off from the road down my driveway. In heavy rain this causes my garage area to flood. When i contacted council bout it thy told me it wa too expensive to put kerb and gutter in. Not good enough.
Email submission	I am not for any change that council is purposing, as it is just another way of charging us extra costs. I live at Doyalson nsw 2262 and I belive that any Stormwater work has seldom been done if any. I am not going to keep paying for work done to all the other areas. If council can put kerb and guttering and fix my side of the road up and not just dig out the mud trench out the front of my property which collapsed. Council has never done anything substantial to improving this. Now you want to change it to our Rates and charge us another hiked up fee. We know how council wastes tax payers money, but do not expect us to keep paying for a service that doesn't do anything for some.
Email submission	We received your letter (subject matter) dated Dec 5, 2025. We sold our Saratoga home le settled 27 Nov, 2025 ie before your letter date! I would have thought our Ettalong solicitors O'Connor Cleary would have communicated this to you in our rates payout on settlement.
Email submission	I Definitely Don't want the water charges transferred to my rates notice. Definite NO.
Email submission	This property is jointly owned with my domestic partne, Also living in the property is her 97-year-old father, who has no equity in the property. Frequently Council addresses correspondence to my partner and sometimes jointly to her father with no reference to me. Please amend your records and database for future correspondence. Your prompt cooperation is appreciated. Please acknowledge this email.
Email submission	I am writing in response to the Stormwater Drainage Charge. I am a resident on Patonga Creek As a creek resident we are not connected to town water or sewer and we collect all our stormwater and use it. We have no street frontage, road, stormwater drainage or gutters, garbage bin provision or individual collection.Despite this, Council still charges all Creek residents the Stormwater Drainage Charge. We were un-aware of this charge within our rates until Council made it a separate charge a few years ago under IPART regulations. I have raised this with Council in the past and never received an answer. Now that Council is planning on putting the charge back into the rate notice where it will be hidden again, I would ask again that as a resident who has no stormwater services provided by Council, as well as many other services taken for granted by road serviced properties, that this Stormwater Drainage Charge be waived for Patonga Creek residents. The matter will also be raised with Department of Fair Trading and IPART.

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Email submission	In follow up to the email below, the 2006 document from the Office of Local Government titled "STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES CHARGE GUIDELINES", states on Page 14, under 5.2 Land eligible to be charged , that "Councils are not to levy the charge on land where they do not provide a stormwater management service." A copy of that document is attached here. I believe that this charge has incorrectly been charged to Patonga Creek residents as we land that is not provided with a stormwater management service. We will be seeking for this charge to be removed and refund of charges made under this Local Government ruling. I am writing in response to the Stormwater Drainage Charge. I am a resident on Patonga Creek .As a creek resident we are not connected to town water or sewer and we collect all our stormwater and use it. We have no street frontage, road, stormwater drainage or gutters, garbage bin provision or individual collection. Despite this, Council still charges all Creek residents the Stormwater Drainage Charge. We were un-aware of this charge within our rates until Council made it a separate charge a few years ago under IPART regulations. I have raised this with Council in the past and never received an answer. Now that Council is planning on putting the charge back into the rate notice where it will be hidden again, I would ask again that as a resident who has no stormwater services provided by Council, as well as many other services taken for granted by road serviced properties, that this Stormwater Drainage Charge be waived for Patonga Creek residents. The matter will also be raised with Department of Fair Trading and IPART.
Email submission	I prefer the Council to apply the Charge to the rate notice.
Email submission	I would like to know why I have been paying a storm water drainage charge when I do not have any storm water. I appear to have paid this for many years but my storm water goes directly on to my lawn. This does not seem to be very fair.
Email submission	We DO NOT AGREE with the proposal of a Special Variation to move the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. Central Coast Council already has excessively high rate notices (they are double the amounts charged by many comparable Councils in Sydney): we feel that Council should look at other ways to maintain a budget. For example, is it necessary for the CEO to be paid as much as the Prime Minister of Australia? The Sydney Morning Herald noted that his salary was the fifth highest in the State of NSW. There must be other ways to balance the budget.

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Email submission	I live at Booker Bay and have just received a notice re the change to stormwater drainage charges. As we have no stormwater drains in Booker Bay why are we charged at all ? Many properties have no gutters and after heavy rain the streets contain a series of small lakes. I have no problem as to who bills it, just confused as to why we are charged for a service that does not exist. Looking forward to your feedback. I guess compared to the problem of potholes and jet skis it's not a big issue. Anyway thoughts to be considered.
Email submission	I am writing to formally lodge my objection to the stormwater drainage charge being applied to council rate notices. I am also taking this opportunity to express my disappointment regarding the lack of direct community engagement concerning the proposal to IPART for a Special Rate Variation. Discovering such a significant change via Facebook, rather than through direct correspondence to ratepayers, is unacceptable for a matter that exceeds the standard rate peg. The IPART rate peg increase should not be applied universally across the Central Coast. As a resident of Bar Point, which is within a C2 Environmental Conservation zone, I believe it is inequitable to apply the same rate increases to conservation land that lacks standard council services. It should be limited to Residential and Business categories and specifically exclude Environmental Conservation zones. Furthermore, I have previously written to Council to dispute the stormwater charge on my water account and have yet to receive a response. I understand that legislative changes under the Water Management Act 2000 may soon prevent Council from applying this charge in its current form. I strongly oppose the transfer of this unjustified cost to the rates of Bar Point residents. My objection is based on the following points: * Lack of Service Provision: My property is river-access only with no road infrastructure. There are no Council-provided stormwater pipes, drains, or systems on my property or in the immediate vicinity. * Private Infrastructure Investment: To manage overland flow, I have independently funded and installed my own drainage systems. I am not connected to, nor do I rely on, any public system. * Minimal Infrastructure Usage: As my daily life (work, shopping, and family) is centered within the Sydney metropolitan area (Hornsby, Hills Shire, and Blacktown), I do not utilise Central Coast urban infrastructure. * Alternative Funding: Council should look to recoup infrastructure costs from developers through new developments rather than penalising isolated residents who receive no service. Given that I am not connected to a public drainage system and have managed all drainage issues privately, I request that this fee be waived and not applied to my rates.

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Email submission	Please note I do not agree with Council transferring the stormwater charge to the rates notice. This would result in a higher increase to rates of approximately 12.67 % and no decrease in water rates I'm thinking since CCC have also applied for an increase in water rates. I also do not agree with Council applying for a special variation as all this does is cost the Council money (well ratepayers actually) and other necessary expenses do not get done ie. Potholes !!
Email submission	I refer to your letter of 05/12/2025 You have requested feedback on your proposal to add a stormwater drainage charge to my general rates notice. I wish to record that I DO NOT agree with your doing this. My general rates bills skyrocketed during the four years of administrator-led governance (after Council was sacked for mistakes and ineptitude in handling its finances.) Enough is enough. Please give us a break and fund the stormwater drainages services by means other than simply slapping us poor (and growing poorer) residents with yet another charge on our general rates notices.
Email submission	I am writing concerning the stormwater drainage charges within Central Coast Council. We reside in a property on the Hawkesbury River that is accessed by water only and is completely off-grid. There is no assistance from Council for any of the issues involved with accessing or maintaining our property. This includes garbage collection (which we pay for through the local tip), bush fire hazard mitigation, parking for property access (which we also pay for) and the management of stormwater drainage. I believe we should not be required to pay for the management of stormwater drainage as we do not receive any of these services. Please forward this email to the relevant contact within Council to enable them to kindly respond to my query.
Email submission	I recently observed some signage that you had placed stating that the Central Coast is now Darkinjung country, so I am wondering why you " Central Coast Council" are sending invoices for anything, should not the invoices be coming from the owners of the land " The Darkinjung people or corporation" ? Please let me know at your earliest convenience.
Email submission	As is usual with this Council There is a charge for non-service apart from the ratesI am charged for stormwater drainage when there is NO WATER ON MY PROPERTY NO STORMWATER DRAINAGE ON MY PROPERTY AND NO CHANCE OF THIS COUNCIL OFFERINF EITHER ON MY PROPERTY OR THE ENTIRE AREA A continuing rip off by a Council that does nothing in the area Our roads are a danger My dirt road has not been graded for at least a year And the rates and water charges just keep going up It is a total fee for non-service and in my opinion Robbery that Ned Kelly would be proud of Naturally I object to the transfer and the increase
Email submission	I was wondering if this charge will apply to people who do not have a water bill or stormwater charge currently? We live on acerage and do not get town water or town stormwater services and are not keen on paying for something we do not get the benefit of?

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Email submission	The stormwater drain runs through the back of my house, when it became clogged I paid for it to be fixed approx \$3000. Why should I be paying a stormwater drain charge.
Email submission	In regards to your letter regarding the Proposed Change, I would have liked to address my Issue to someone but no one from Council was willing to put their name to this project. I have lived on the peninsula for 63 years growing up in Umina and living in Neptune Street Where my parents built the first house in Neptune Street which only had a dirt track to drive on, To this day there is still no Stormwater Drainage, Footpath or Kerb and Guttering. I have bought and sold in Boronia Street with no Stormwater Drainage, Footpath or Kerb and Guttering. I now reside at Birdwood Avenue which has no Stormwater Drainage, Footpath or Kerb and Guttering. My point is that my parents who have since passed did pay for Stormwater Drainage, Footpath and Kerb and Guttering in their rates but never saw any of these. Now don't tell me that our Rates go to the upkeep of Ocean Beach Road which still floods in a heavy down pour.
Email submission	I have previously advised council of what I think of the drainage charge, I reside in Davistown my waste stormwater is piped to a dug out drain in front of my residence, which has never been maintained by council, my neighbours is also piped into my ditch, often occasioning a flooded front yard. Thankfully my other neighbour has piped their storm water into a tank, previously my carport and courtyard used to flood. So I am irate to think I have to pay for something that isn't relevant. I also used to complain about paying for footpaths and guttering, no such thing exists in Kincumber Crescent, and now the rates haven't got cheaper but it is no longer listed. I also query the water bill, I appear to have the same usage if I only myself in residence, compared to having an extra 3 here plus I have ceased watering the garden, yet the bill only getting higher. Council should hang their head, nothing is maintained. Take the time to drive around, weeds everywhere, gutters full of leaves, potholes to fall into. Shame, shame shame.
Email submission	Hi I am writing in response to above pay a levy at the moment but am wanting clarification on storm water as in conversations with neighbours on this matter as storm water does not flow as I would like wondering on connection to above property as my neighbour says no connection in our side of street was hoping you could supply evidence of such connections.
Email submission	After careful consideration we refuse this transfer to our Rates.

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Email submission	I am writing to formally oppose the proposed transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rates notice. While I understand Council's need to maintain funding for essential stormwater infrastructure, I do not support shifting this charge onto rates for several reasons. Firstly, many other NSW councils do not apply a separate stormwater drainage charge via rates in this way. In those areas, stormwater management is funded within general rates rather than as an additional line item. Introducing (or re-labelling) this charge on the rates notice places Central Coast ratepayers at a comparative disadvantage and reduces transparency around what is, in effect, an extra levy. Secondly, Central Coast residents have already experienced significant cost increases in recent years, including: * Repeated general rates increases, and * Ongoing water and water service fee increases, which are already a substantial household expense. Moving this charge onto the rates notice does not reduce the financial burden on residents — it simply shifts it, at a time when cost-of-living pressures are already high. The proposal also risks making rates bills larger and more difficult for households to manage, particularly for pensioners and families on fixed or stretched incomes. I am also concerned that transferring the charge to rates under a Special Variation sets a precedent for future cost shifting, rather than encouraging efficiencies or alternative funding approaches. For these reasons, I urge Council not to proceed with the proposed transfer and instead: * Explore funding stormwater services within existing revenue frameworks, or * Clearly demonstrate why Central Coast residents should pay more than ratepayers in other council areas for the same essential service. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I ask that my objection be formally recorded and considered as part of the IPART submission process.
Email submission	I have just noticed that my name is incorrectly spelt It is Aquilina not Aquaulina. I really don't want to sound like a grumpy person; however, I have been very unhappy with the process of the original change in rate notices. When you separated the water service and drainage from rates. In Wyong Shire the Land rates and stayed the same. In Gosford Shire where I had a unit as well the Land Rates reduced by that amount.my rates basically doubled overnight. Then because council sent the place broke our rates went up by a lot. The idea of separating the Sewer Stormwater drainage Water Service From Rates was to take those fees from the Land Rates and add them onto the Water Usage charge with no overall increase. Guess what the surprise, was no change in Land Rates and the water account is almost the same amount. In effect you doubled your income from my rates. This is what you are saying now we will move it with no change in overall cost. I really don't trust you to keep your word on this. Now because you have put a charge where you shouldn't have you want us to say ok charge me more on my Rates. I am cynical about any request for feedback, as I know you will just do want you want

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	anyway. We don't even have curb and guttering in our street. If it counts you made the error, I vote no you should not move it back across, and you can save the money somewhere else.
Email submission	In response to your request for comment on this: I am a ratepayer of over 30 years, my parents and grandfather were ratepayers before me. Our property is a water-access only property located at Bar Point NSW 2038. I do not live there permanently due to the complete lack of accessible health services and I do not use the 2462 address since I am unable to access the only place where mail is delivered which is a twenty minute walk through dense bushland. But I or a family member is usually there either in residence or for periods of time and we maintain the property with all the costs that involves. I oppose the proposal to move the Stormwater Drainage Charge to the general rates notice since this has the effect of disguising the fact that we are being charged this in the first place. All water-access only properties on the lower Hawkesbury River do not receive ANY STORMWATER DRAINAGE SERVICES. This is a complete zombie charge. Our stormwater system consists of rainwater running rapidly down the side of the mountains and into the river. If we need to modify the flow in any way it is up to us to put drainage systems in place around our properties. On one occasion I was told by a Council representative that the River itself was part of Council's drainage system and we had access to that. On another occasion I was told that residents were able to visit the Gosford library and other services in Gosford which needed to have stormwater services supplied. I doubt that many residents get in their boats, tie them up at non-existent boating ramps, get in their cars for which there is no dedicated parking, then drive to Gosford to borrow a library book. By putting this charge into the general rates it disappears, and the iniquities of our being expected to pay it likewise disappear into history. It becomes particularly galling given the fact that we receive no Council services at all. There are no curbs and gutterings to maintain since there are no roads. We have to clear and mow all our own properties down to the water-front, even where it is technically Council land. There are no water services at all, since we provide all our own water via tanks and systems which we have to construct and pay for ourselves. There is no sewage service. There is no garbage service, not even an annual cleanup wharf-to-wharf. And of course we have to repair and maintain our own wharves, which is the equivalent of a home-owner having to concrete and resurface the road and entry way to their home. Instead of hiding a non-existent service in the rates notice, it would be much more reasonable for Council to list every actual service that is delivered to the water access only properties in the Lower Hawkesbury area and then charge rates based on the actual cost of those services.
Email submission	All this wull do is give council more money to spend on Gosford local area rather than fix up The Entrance , which needs cleaning up badly. Too many people squattung and living for nothing.
Email submission	I have received notification of a stormwater drainage charge applied to me. I do not even have a kerb or gutter at this residence and am wondering at the equity of a charge levied to me, a pensioner, and not to other residents who would have ongoing maintenance of their drainage. Please reconsider my case.

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Email submission	I am in receipt of your letter dated 5th December 2025 concerning the above and understand the reason that Council is proposing for the charge to be moved to the general rate notice. I do however have two questions that I would clarity on please First why is the charge name being changed from "Stormwater Drainage Charge" to "Drainage Charge"? Is there an intention to include something else in it? Second (and I realise there is reference to this in your first FAQ) but looking at the increases previously approved by IPART the amount for General Rates and that for Water Rates do not appear to be the same going forward from 1 July 2026. It seems that increases for the General Rates are higher and therefore if the stormwater drainage charge is moved from water to general rates will the higher increase also apply to that charge? Can you please confirm what the approved IPART increases are for each of the rates and that if there is a difference then the lower water rate increase will still apply to the drainage charge once moved to the general rates. Looking forward to hearing from you
Email submission	In response to your request for comment on this: I am a ratepayer of over 30 years, my parents and grandfather were ratepayers before me. Our property is a water-access only property located at Bar Point NSW 2038. I do not live there permanently, I am 80 and partially disabled. As you know there are no accessible health services anywhere nearby. I do not use the address since I am unable to access the only place where mail is delivered which is a twenty minute walk through dense bushland. I use a different address for service of notices etc. But I or a family member is usually there either in residence or for periods of time and we maintain the property with all the costs that involves. I oppose the proposal to move the Stormwater Drainage Charge to the general rates notice since this has the effect of disguising the fact that we are being charged this in the first place. All water-access only properties on the lower Hawkesbury River do not receive ANY STORMWATER DRAINAGE SERVICES. This is a complete zombie charge. Our stormwater system consists of rainwater running rapidly down the side of the mountains and into the river. If we need to modify the flow in any way it is up to us to put drainage systems in place around our properties. On one occasion I was told by a Council representative that the River itself was part of Council's drainage system and we had access to that. On another occasion I was told that residents were able to visit the Gosford library and other services in Gosford which needed to have stormwater services supplied. I doubt that many residents get in their boats, tie them up at non-existent boat ramps, get in their cars for which there is no dedicated parking, then drive to Gosford to borrow a library book. By putting this charge into the general rates it disappears, and the iniquities of our being expected to pay it likewise disappear into history. It becomes particularly galling given the fact that we receive no Council services at all. There are no curbs and gutterings to maintain since there are no roads. We have to clear and mow all our own properties down to the water-front, even where it is technically Council land. There are no water services at all, since we provide all our own water via tanks and systems which we have to construct and pay for ourselves. There is no sewage service. There is no garbage service, not even an annual cleanup wharf-to-wharf. And of course we have to repair and maintain our own wharves, which is the equivalent of a home-owner having to concrete and resurface the road and entry way to their home.

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	Instead of hiding a non-existent service in the rates notice, it would be much more reasonable for Council to list every actual service that is delivered to the water access only properties in the Lower Hawkesbury area and then charge rates based on the actual cost of those services.
Email submission	As this has to be serviced, I would accept a charge but should be charged at a reasonable charge and not show a double charge as currently shown on the Water Rates.
Email submission	Curious as to why there is even a stormwater charge as the majority of the streets around the peninsula area do not have any kerb and channelling, the storm water goes into a pit with the premises. Why do the majority of residents get charged a fee for something they do not have access to, yet are forced to support the minority? Is that really a fair situation?
Email submission	Community feed back that's a real joke ,you will do what you won't to why waste money by sending paper Half the people are on a pension this is a .horrible bills effect us all. You will stick that bill where you wont, we all know that! The government gives us cents rebate that another joke they are out to fill their own pockets. Trying to get ride of the older people no matter what .
Email submission	I received your information about the proposed change to the water charge for excess water or stormwater. I object to the fact that I'm even getting charged for this. I live in a unit which is a bottom story unit. I have no roof. Why am I getting charged for something that I don't even have? I have no stormwater waste water and frankly I think it's just a way that the council are now going to put on an extra charge to bleed the residence of all of the housing.
Email submission	I hope you are well, I am just responding to the above, following a letter I received. My feedback on this is that I believe anyone who doesnt have stormwater services (which include my property) should not be subjected to any charge in relation to this service (regardless of whether it is part of a water, a rate or frankly any other levy). Should stormwater drainage be installed / maintained at or around my property (which to my knowledge it is not) I would be happy to pay the levy regardless of which notice it comes on. Please let me know if you would like further details.
Email submission	In response to the proposed Stormwater levy change I am definitely against the prospect of being levied for stormwater infrastructure that does not exist within our rural area. The area that we personally reside in is rural and most properties are acreage in nature within the district. The existing stormwater run off in this area runs into the Wyong River with ease and without the need for stormwater infrastructure given the topography of the land. Currently we do not get a water bill as we provide our own water and sewerage capability given the remoteness of those networked items within this area To burden rural residents with an extra charge is unfair and unnecessary and smacks of council administrative laziness. I would be more than happy to pay an extra fee if the council would fix Dicksons Road, which is a disgrace and dangerous in it current condition. MY VOTE FOR THE PROPOSED STORMWATER FEE CHANGE IS DEFINITELY "NO" if we currently don't get a water bill we should not be burdened by this proposal.

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Email submission	We don't have cub, guttering or storm water management on our street and it's unlikely we will ever have it. Perhaps you shouldn't bother transferring it to our rates bill, just remove the charge altogether.
Email submission	I refer to your recent notice regarding proposed charge transfer of the fifth of the 12th 2025. I am of the view this fee is unwarranted given the evidence I have experienced with council regarding stormwater upgrades. Given there is a new subdivision Behind my property, there has been no stormwater upgrade and I have contacted council on many occasions to request the encasement of a council easement. Whilst I get acknowledgement of my correspondence, no one comes to contact me see me or make any commentary regarding the issue. I certainly cannot support Another fee on my council rates given the fees I have paid since 1978 as to no improvement to the Adjoining property.
Email submission	In relation to your correspondence, if it means paying more for nothing I am totally opposed. Council doesn't provide a drop of water or stormwater infrastructure to our property at Greengrove and we're told we pay a water bill for the "greater good" of the LGA. So, in essence we have to treat water as a precious resource, and we do, then pay for Central Coast residents who waste water! We have tanks for house water and a dam for watering the garden..nothing comes from Council. So, if this change means actually paying more for something that's not provided anyway I am completely opposed to it..and I suspect it does! Love a call if someone wants to justify it.
Email submission	I recently received a letter regarding the Proposal to transfer Stormwater Drainage Charge. I'm not entirely pleased with this Charge as I have attempted on several occasions to get Council to fix the broken Stormwater pit and pit lid on my property. To date this has never been rectified despite it being a safety issue. Until this has been rectified I don't see why I should be charged with this service or lack of this service.
Email submission	I am against the stormwater drainage charge being transferred to council rates. The increase in council rates was supposed to cease in November. So perhaps the funds needed can be taken out of that. I'm not paying any more. Our rates are expensive as it is.
Email submission	I, and presumably other rate payers, received a letter from Council dated 5th December 2025. Council is proposing a Special Variation to move the stormwater drainage charge from the water bill to the rates notice. The Council explains that as from 1st July 2026, changes to legislation mean that Council can no longer apply this charge under the Water Management Act on the water bill. However, Council has not revealed why NSW Government made the changes referred to. In order to get a comprehensive view and make any useful comment on the matter, it would be necessary to obtain an understanding of why changes were made to the Act. At first glance it seems curious that a charge for an essential service like drainage has been removed from the water bill. Some further information relating to the changes to the Water Management Act through the Water Management Amendment (Central Coast Council) Bill 2024 is essential to a full understanding of the issues and rate payers have not been

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	informed about why the law was changed. The letter also points out that the stormwater charge applied to most, but not all, properties in the Council area. What is the basis for exemption?
Email submission	I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed variation to move the stormwater drainage charge from the water bill to the rate notice following the legislative changes effective from 1 July 2026. I do not support this change, nor do I agree with the application of stormwater drainage charges to my property. My street does not have stormwater drainage infrastructure, and as such I do not believe it is reasonable or equitable for me to be charged for a service that is not provided. This concern is compounded by the recent 15% rate increase already applied by Council. Introducing or reapplying additional charges, particularly for infrastructure that does not exist in my area, places an unfair financial burden on residents and undermines confidence in the principle that rates and charges should reflect actual services delivered. I respectfully ask Council to reconsider how stormwater charges are applied, particularly for properties that do not directly benefit from stormwater drainage infrastructure, and to provide greater transparency around how these charges are calculated and justified. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I trust these concerns will be taken into consideration as part of the decision-making process.
Email submission	I am writing to formally raise my concerns regarding the stormwater drainage charges proposed for residents of Shelly Beach Road, Empire Bay. I have been a resident at 5 Shelly Beach Road for the past 18 months, during which time my property has experienced significant flooding on two separate occasions. These incidents were directly caused by blocked or inadequate stormwater drainage infrastructure along Shelly Beach Road. It is evident that this issue extends beyond my property. Numerous neighbouring properties also experience flooding and prolonged water accumulation during periods of rainfall, as stormwater is unable to drain due to the existing blockages and the absence of a functional drainage system. I have attached photographs documenting the extent of flooding as supporting evidence. Given the long-standing nature of this problem and the ongoing impact on residents, I strongly oppose the imposition of stormwater drainage charges on households along Shelly Beach Road, Empire Bay. It is unreasonable to expect residents to pay for a service that has not been effectively provided for many years. In fact, the continued flooding and lack of remedial action suggest that residents have endured considerable inconvenience, property risk, and financial burden without adequate support or intervention from Central Coast Council. I respectfully request that Council either: * Undertake immediate rectification and installation of a proper stormwater drainage system for Shelly Beach Road; or * Suspend stormwater drainage charges for all affected residents until such time as the drainage system is fully operational and capable of preventing further flooding. I am currently travelling and will be overseas until February 2026; therefore, email is the most reliable method of contacting me should further information be required. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that Council will give this issue the urgent consideration it deserves.

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Email submission	I am writing to query the letter I received in relation to the Storm Water Drainage Charge being moved to the rates notice On the back of the letter it advises that Stormwater Charge doesn't fund kerb and gutter associated costs as this is part of the normal rates notice However, the home we live in doesn't even have kerb and gutter so when we will get kerb and gutter on the street so we can manage the management of the water flow Our street requires kerb and gutter to manage the waterflow as water from my neighbour's flow into our property in which I have had to manage ourselves I got quoted by a concreter that if I wanted to have that done I was looking at over \$6K to have this done Can the council advise when they were planning to install kerb and gutter to assist with the flow of the waterTake Care & Stay Safe
Email submission	I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from water rates to general council rates. This proposal is fundamentally unfair, poorly justified, and fails to serve the best interests of Central Coast residents. The stormwater drainage charge is a service-specific cost and should remain clearly identified as such. Transferring it to council rates removes the established "user pays" principle and unfairly shifts the financial burden onto ratepayers regardless of their actual impact on, or use of, the stormwater system. This approach is neither equitable nor transparent. At a time when households are already under significant financial pressure due to rising living costs, this proposal represents yet another unnecessary and avoidable increase to council rates. Embedding the charge within general rates obscures the true cost of stormwater services and limits residents' ability to understand what they are paying for and why. This lack of transparency undermines public trust and accountability. Furthermore, the proposal risks disproportionately impacting pensioners, low-income households, and residents on fixed incomes. These groups will be forced to absorb higher council rates without any guarantee of improved services or benefits. Council has a responsibility to protect vulnerable members of the community, not impose additional hidden costs on them. I am also deeply concerned by the lack of meaningful consultation surrounding this proposal. Changes of this magnitude demand clear explanations, detailed financial modelling, and genuine community engagement. To date, Council has failed to demonstrate why this transfer is necessary, how it represents value for money, or whether alternative funding options have been properly considered. Allowing service-specific charges to be absorbed into general rates also sets a dangerous precedent. If stormwater charges can be transferred today, what other targeted fees will be rolled into council rates tomorrow? This approach erodes transparency and opens the door to further cost shifting without adequate scrutiny. For these reasons, I urge Central Coast Council to abandon this proposal entirely and retain the stormwater drainage charge within water rates. At an absolute minimum, Council must halt any decision until comprehensive consultation is undertaken and residents are provided with clear, transparent evidence to justify such a change. I expect Council to act in the best interests of its community by prioritising fairness, accountability, and financial transparency.

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Email submission	So, Council can no longer apply this proposed fee under existing regulations. Do what the rest of us do with these extra fees - suck it up! This Council has, over the last years, proved their ineptness in money management, which resulted in an increase in our Household Rates. On a more personal note, my pension hasn't increased to the extent of covering all increases in the running of the family home, not only council charges. I have already slashed my grocery/meat shopping list. Don't misunderstand me, I am a very proud, appreciative pensioner. I manage my pension to the dollar, don't take holidays, have a small social calendar, a much larger medical calendar and do not agree with your proposal. Perhaps, councillors can take a cut in their remuneration. We, as the public, can only contribute so much.
Email submission	In response to your invitation for feedback, I feel that I am due for a discount on this charge, as storm water is directed into my property. I have to constantly manage this problem to stop damage to my property. I have been dealing with this for 30 years. Awaiting your reply. Happy Christmas.
Email submission	I write to provide community feedback on the proposed stormwater drainage charge transfer to our rates. * Water management act 2000 states: "to be properly effective, water management must be a shared responsibility between the government and the community". How will the cost of stormwater management be shared between government and community? * Your letter states the charge funds "construction of new infrastructure as the network expands". I understood developers would be required to pay for their construction in new developments. Can I ask what new infrastructure is being covered by public fees? * I've lived in Mardi for 4 years. Every time there is heavy rain there is flooding at the end of Woodbury Park Drive as it meets Gavenlock Road before the roundabout, as well as further on the Woodbury Park Drive between that roundabout and the Pacific Hwy obstructing traffic. Residents put up with it, signs go up to show flooding and road closures, but nothing actively changes. Is there a plan to improve drainage of these two sections? * What alternative solutions to save money on stormwater have been proposed to prevent offloading future inflation fees to the community? * Was it intentional that the letter dated 5/12/25, was delivered to my letter box 22/12/25 with a right to reply by the 11th January, leaving 11 working days to reply over the busiest time of the year? I appreciate your time replying and I respect that you are also likely living locally and affected by these changes. I look forward to hearing back when time permits.

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Email submission	Hi, for reasons below my answer is NO to councils proposal of a special variation transfer to move stormwater drainage charge to rate notice. Your communication indicates that stormwater drainage charge helps council manage the stormwater drainage network of 1200 klm of drainage pipes, pits etc which is a very small area compared to councils catchment area. I think asking for the fee to be transferred from one bill to the other is an insignificant question we are more concerned that we are being charged for a service that is not available to ours or surrounding premises. There is little to no stormwater drainage on most of the Peninsula so the fee in itself is questionable. Why are we being charged for a service that is not available to us? I would be happy to continue paying if we have stormwater in our area but we don't so perhaps council needs to review services and efficiencies to cover its overheads.
Email submission	I am replying to your letter dated 05/12/2025 proposing a stormwater drainage charge transfer. I suggest that you use funds that have been "donated" to the WPA to sustain their attempt to build a wall that will destroy Wamberal beach, before re installing this stormwater charge.!
Email submission	My concern is this will be similar to when you split off water, giving the impression that land rates were cheaper. If this is approved we will now have three bills to pay. It appears to me this is another opportunity to increase pricing across the three without the appearance of one large increase. Example: The council wants a \$200 increase overall. Split across three bills, it gives the rate payer the feeling of a small increase. Rate increase by stealth. Everyone I have spoken to can already see this. But you will bulldoze ahead anyhow, of that I'm sure.
Email submission	I am in receipt of your advice with regards the change in charge from Water Bill to the Rates Bill. There are a number of glaring omissions from this advice : 1) Will the new charge be the same as the previously billed amounts of is Council seeing another opportunity to increase rate payer costs? Please clarify. 2) Once again we see a charge for a service we do not receive as per many in the area. We have paid hundreds of dollars and some residents thousands, to council for a service, ie storm water and drainage that we are not provided with. Why are those people who do have the benefits of storm water, curbs and drainage being subsidized by those who do not? 3) Council still does not publish its proposed works plan and time line to extend the current storm water and drainage systems into those areas not being serviced. When will this happen?
Email submission	Yes,I support including the storm water rates on my annual rate notice as long as it is a separate line item.
Email submission	I believe the stormwater charge should be dropped completely as we pay enough in rates now to keep adding other costs. The stormwater is just part of a service that council is responsible for in our rates, it not just covers private properties but roads, parks etc as well.

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Email submission	I think if the council is not providing adequate drainage services then there should be exemption to owners to pay the charge. I have asked council to fix the drainage in front of my house several times, and I've been told no. The drainage ditch in front of my house is lower than the actual concrete street drainage so water permanently sits in the ditch in front of my house, and it stinks. Sometimes I have to clear it myself because it smells so bad. Like I said I have asked the council to fix the problem and you haven't. So I'm asking for an improvement in drainage services or if you continue to refuse to fix it, I ask I be exempt from all drainage charges. If you fix it, I'd be happy to pay the surcharge & I wouldn't care which bill it was charged too
Email submission	I believe this is just a money grab i definatly dont agree with this
Email submission	I am not in support of this proposal. The mess we are in was never the fault of the rate payers. It was the management of the Gosford Council that caused this mess.
Email submission	Why are you requesting feedback when the very reason is clearly written in the letter? (From 1 July 2026, Council cannot include the charge on water bills due to changes in legislation? How much is this, yet another frivolous exercise, going to cost, telling us we won't pay more in rates, when Council is using up money that takes away from services you are having difficulty providing now? Why do the councilors have a dire need to waste money for no apparent reason?
Email submission	I appreciate the terms of the stormwater drainage system, but we could be saving a lot of blockages by having the gutters cleaned, by say a street sweeper to prevent the leafage going in there in the first place. Was goes down the gutter often finishes up in Brisbane water, clogging up the waterfront and or Tuggerah lakes or the likes silting up the waterways.I know from when we lived on the western side of Avoca Drive in Green Point, we could see the build up of mud and silt to the point the neighbour's jetty was no longer in water at low tide. Looking at an aerial shot you can see the sedimentation along the shoreline.
Email submission	Further to your letter requesting community feedback on the proposed change, I support continuance of funding for essential activities like stormwater construction and maintenance infrastructure. Provided the increase in ratepayer costs of the rates via an additional drainage charge is offset accordingly by a similar reduction in water bill, I am in favour of the change.
Email submission	Please note the attached correspondence. This property is owned by 2 individuals. In future, as a matter of common courtesy please address to both.

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Email submission	We don't even have a roadside kerb, all we've had for the last 35 years is a dirt and mud trench that washes away and needs repairs every time we get a heavy downpour, no roadside upgrades and minimum road repairs are the only things that have ever happened in doyalson for more than half a century, I'm sure the only way we'll get any support here is if someone who is high up in the local council moves in at the end of our street, not happy Jan, ☹️ I am not for any change that council is purposing, as it is just another way of charging us extra costs. I live at Doyalson nsw 2262 and I belive that any Stormwater work has seldom been done if any. I am not going to keep paying for work done to all the other areas. If council can put kerb and guttering and fix my side of the road up and not just dig out the mud trench out the front of my property which collapsed. Council has never done anything substantial to improving this. Now you want to change it to our Rates and charge us another hiked up fee. We know how council wastes tax payers money, but do not expect us to keep paying for a service that doesn't do anything for some.
Email submission	I am opposed to changing the current arrangement. It needs to be retained on the Water Bill
Email submission	My husband and I the owner of the house East Gosford, NSW 2250 We agree IF there would be NO extra cost for us. We can not afford to pay more and more. We already struggle financially.

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Email submission	I am writing to provide feedback on the proposal to seek a Special Variation to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from water bills to the rates notice. I acknowledge that the existing stormwater drainage charge cannot continue under the current legislative framework beyond 30 June 2026, and I understand the need to ensure ongoing funding for stormwater infrastructure and flood mitigation. I also recognise Council's position that this proposal is intended to be a transfer of revenue rather than an increase in the total cost to residents. However, I have several concerns that I ask Council to address clearly and transparently. First, while the proposal is presented as cost-neutral at the point of transfer, moving the charge onto the rates notice creates a risk that future rate increases and the stormwater charge become linked in practice. Once the charge forms part of the rates framework, residents may be exposed to compounded increases over time — through future special variations, rate-pegging adjustments, or changes to rating structures — without the same level of visibility that currently applies when the charge sits separately on water bills. Second, I am concerned about how Council intends to ensure that this transferred charge does not become a precedent for further increases beyond what is strictly necessary to fund stormwater services. Residents need confidence that the charge will remain clearly identified, quarantined for stormwater purposes only, and not gradually absorbed into general rate growth. Third, there is understandable community anxiety that even if this proposal is described as a "transfer", it will be perceived and experienced as a rate increase. Rates notices are highly visible and affect a broader group of residents than water bills. Council should clearly explain how it will prevent this proposal from increasing overall rate pressure on households, particularly in the context of future special variations. Finally, I request that Council clearly articulate: • how the stormwater charge will be itemised on the rates notice, • what safeguards will prevent the charge from increasing beyond its stated purpose, • how future rate increases will interact with the stormwater charge, and • what long-term protections will exist for ratepayers if further special variations are proposed. I support sustainable funding for essential stormwater infrastructure, but that support depends on transparency, strong safeguards, and a clear commitment that residents will not face escalating rate impacts over time as a result of this change. Thank you for considering my feedback
Email submission	I am wondering why we have to pay a stormwater drainage charge? We have no kerb and gutter! No council stormwater main to connect to or easement! All rain water drains to wet lands that is privately owned. I feel this very unsatisfactory that we are charged this fee ! We are literally paying for a service that does not exist !! look forward to your reply.

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Email submission	I object to this new charge. It is unfair on high rise apartment dwellers like me; our apartment block houses many rate paying dwellings in a block with less land area than many single detached house dwellings that collect more stormwater than our whole apartment block. Hence high rise apartment ratepayers are subsidising stormwater charges for other types of housing.
Email submission	Once again we, the marginalised ratepayers, will be subjected to another 'processing fee'..... as a fixed charge, whether the utility/service is used. Why does it have to be another charge to be made.... another dollar pot grab! Follow the \$. Not Happy!
Email submission	As long as the overall charge to ratepayers does not change I have no problems with the proposed transfer.
Email submission	Thank you for your notice of 5/12/25. Seems a peculiar administrative requirement given so many other priorities for Council. What is unclear or missing, deliberately or otherwise, is clarity that this change will be without additional cost to ratepayers - just reflect on different bill. Appreciate you assisting make that clear as that might influence the community feedback you are seeking.
Email submission	I just received the notice about the stormwater charge transfer. I'm wondering though, what exactly am I paying for? There is no storm water infrastructure on my block. All water flows through in to a natural bush culvert.
Email submission	With reference to the recent letter received regarding the above Subject, I would comments as follows With water, electricity, gas, telephone etc, you are charged for what you actually use. My home does not discharge water into the stormwater system, it discharges into a gravel pit outside the yard fence and the water then gradually soaks into the ground, so the question is, why do I even have this charge showing on my current water rate to start with? I did query this before and was told that it is a shared cost, but why should I pay for a service I don't use? Whatever is decided will happen, I, and probably everyone else who gives feedback, will have Zero influence on the decision, much like may other things Council decide to do. During periods of heavy rain, the area outside the yard fence floods as all the homes along this section of Budgewoi Road discharges stormwater to ground, I requested Council look into it and was told nothing could be done, so I continue to be in fear of my home flooding during these periods
Email submission	Proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer Thank You for your notification , dated 05/12/2025, regarding the above proposal. I do not have any objection as to which Notice the charge is collected from., either Water or Rates. I am concerned however, that when the charge is transferred to the Council's Rates Notice; will it remain a fixed Stormwater Drainage – Residential Charge or will it, at a later stage be levied similar to the Rates, against the Property Land Value.? I am certainly interested and look forward to any further progress notification, before Council's final decision.

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Email submission	Re your letter dated 5th December, it is a good idea to move the drainage charge from water bills into rate notices. I hope you can submit this to IPART and that they approve it ☺ Good luck
Email submission	Firstly, PLEASE ENSURE ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE IS ADDRESSED IN BOTH HOME OWNERS NAMES, In regards to your letter received today in relation to the proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer, I think it's absolutely disgusting that you charge us for doing NOTHING! Our home is located at 2 Loxton Ave Wamberal and has a stormwater drain at the front of our property which is on the corner of Loxton Ave and Ocean View Drive. The stormwater drain is constantly choked up from the vegetation across the road on council land. This in turn causes flooding every time there is heavy rain. We experience flooding that comes half way up our front lawn. We shouldn't have to clear the drain ourselves... I have had numerous communications with council about this however, nothing ever changes and is an ongoing issue that you do nothing about. Why do we pay a fee??? You are ripping homeowners off!!!
Email submission	I write to make a general observation about the poor state of stormwater drainage in Avoca Beach. My wife and I have owned a property for just over 25 years. Our block has access from both Avoca Drive and Ascot Avenue. Kerb and guttering is non existent on both streets adjacent to our property and Council makes no attempt to capture and deal with storm water. The way for property owners higher up the hill to deal with storm water is to pipe it to their street frontage and then just point it down hill and let gravity do the rest. The result is we get a huge amount of storm water coming across Ascot Avenue and into our property. To protect our property we need to regularly get sand bags from the SES depot and build a levy bank at the edge of Ascot Avenue. You will probably gather that I don't care how or where you charge residents for dealing with storm water. What I want to see is some value for the Storm Water charges we have been paying for 25 years. I look forward to hearing your plans to correct what has been years of neglect.

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Email submission	To whom it may concern. Please find attached letter from Wyong Council dated 22 May 2023. I sent this to central coast council at the time and subsequently had these charges deleted. I have NEVER paid for stormwater drainage due to the points raised. Please ensure that this continues. If you require any additional information please contact me. Subject: Stormwater Drainage charge dated 17 May 2023 Dear Sir/Madam, I have just received my latest water bill and have been charged for stormwater drainage-residential cost of \$32.52, which I question. Following are details in relation to this charge for your investigation. Details of my latest water account, issue date 17 May 2023 are as follows: After occupying my property and being charged for stormwater drainage, and also being informed by a neighbour, I sent a letter to Wyong Council regarding this cost and explained that NO water that was discharged from my property was released onto Gordon Avenue as there is quite a slope from my property to Lake Macquarie which makes it impossible for ANY water to go uphill. Wyong Council then subsequently had this charge taken off my bill and I have NEVER been charged since. Unfortunately I cannot find this letter in my files. But am sure that a record is in the files of Wyong Council. I have NEVER been charged for Stormwater Drainage in the eleven years since then until the latest bill and ask if you would please look into why I have now been charged for something that cannot possibly happen. My property also has 2 large water tanks that take rainwater from the roof of my large home so water from the roof is NOT going onto the ground. If you require additional information or want to inspect my property to ensure what I have stated is correct please let me know.
Email submission	I'm replying back from a letter recently received on the 22/12/25. From what I'm understanding, centralcoast council wish to transfer a section of the water bill over to the rates notice. I personally feel this will not work, and wish for the charge to stay as it is currently on the water bill. My concern here, is that this will further increase both water and council rate bills so I'm NOT FOR THE CHANGE. I currently sold a property up in Tweed Heads West that had a similar charge attached to the rates notice, and not only was the service provided by the Tweed Shire Council lacklustre but expensive.
Email submission	I have been asking for years why I am paying for Storm Water drainage AT ALL. Your excuse is FUTURE development. As we live in a sandy drained area I know you will never put Storm Water drainage in Florida Ave Woy Woy. However there is a Clay substrate under the sand so with drenching rain we get water laying about with no kerbs, gutters or Storm Water drainage - in other words NO DRAINAGE AT ALL. The water table has risen to capacity - If there ever becomes a dengue or malarial outbreak or other mosquito borne virus like Ross River virus I will take legal action against the CCC. You hid the Storm Water Bill in the end of year rates notice as everyone was up in arms over paying for your FUTURE concepts. You lost the Ratepayers monies in Investment schemes which was multiple millions of Dollars THREE TIMES. You had enough funds to put Golden Pipes in but failed at every turn. When administrators Perssons and Hart upped our rates to pay for your incompetence with the promise to reduce rates after the administration fixed the

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	problem this did not happen at all. Now Farmer is on \$500,000 a year stipend and the new councillors with a few months tenure gave themselves a Raise. Now you want to put the Storm Water openly in Rates notices. This is the final insult to rate payers here.
Email submission	Taking the opportunity of the new proposal regarding Stormwater Charge Transfer I would like to ask the question if we are eligible to pay this price while we are not connected to the Stormwater system. Our property of two units located at 18 Gwendolen Avenue Umina beach and it appears that we have been paying this price for very long time. Our Stormwater pipes are directing the water to a storm water Pit located at the Courtyard of Unit two. I am the owner of Unit two that I bought at 2004 and no changes have been made in regards to the Stormwater pipes at all.
Email submission	I currently have schedule payments for my rates and water usage. Do I have to amend the schedule payment into 1 amount now Look forward to hearing from you
Email submission	Feedback per IPART: I do not wish this to be added onto council rates, which are already too expensive. I'm a single income household and I'm unsure why rate payers and water bill payers are paying so much.
Email submission	I recently received a notice from council proposing to move the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. I strongly object to council charging me any charge at all, considering we have open stormwater drains in the all the streets surrounding my area and it is the residents who maintain the open stormwater in front of our properties. Council does NOT. These open stormwater drains are a hazard for the residents to maintain with conventional lawn mowers and whipper snippers, given that they are often wet, and uneven, I have personally sprained my ankle on 2 separate occasions trying to mow council's drains. They are a breeding ground for mosquitos. Having these open stormwater drains also reduces the amount of usable roadway given the fact that the streets are very narrow to begin with, which in turn makes it dangerous for resident driving up and down our street safely when other resident park on the street, this also makes it dangerous especially when driving in or reversing out of your driveway. The condition of our paved streets are also a disgrace with the amount of potholes constantly appearing after rainy periods. We are not living in a third world country, this is 2025 soon to be 2026 not the 1960's. I could go on, however you have taken up enough of my time. I strongly object to any sort of stormwater drainage charge until Council seals/covers these drains.

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Email submission	I acknowledge receipt of Council's proposal for a Special Variation to move the Stormwater Drainage Charge from the water bill to the rate notice. As a multi property owner on the Central Coast I do not wish to have the Stormwater Drainage Charges added to my Rates Notices. This would just serve to inflate the rates that are already high enough. I note from Council's letter that it is requesting feedback yet there does not appear to be any option as your letter implies that from 1 July 2026 changes to legislation mean Council can no longer apply this charge under the Water Management Act 2000 on the water bill. My question would be "what are all the other Council's doing about this matter?"
Email submission	I'm writing this email in regards to the suggested Stormwater Drainage changes. I have for nearly 35 years been charged a stormwater fee within my water rates, but in return receive no benefit directly. Properties along my street discharge into absorption pits (as directed by Council) and receive no benefits at all from this fee. My question is why do we pay a fee at all ? I understand this is about a transfer of location for this fee but Could it be validated to me why I am charged a fee at all.
Email submission	I disagree with this charge being introduced..council is just trying to to find a way to get more money out of rate payers on the central coast and so I strongly disagree with this being introduced...
Email submission	In regard to the proposal as per the subject line. Having reviewed my most recent Water Rates notice, I can see at a glance that the latest charge for Stormwater Drainage was \$27.70. Which was paid on 10/10/2025. Whilst I'm not privy to changes to Act, nor the logical reasons. My concern is that it opens the 'flood gates' to a window of opportunity to increase the charges. I very much doubt that the charges will be reduced. I'm part of a Strata complex, we are a self managed complex of 3. We have been very disappointed that potholes at the corner of Springwood Street & Albion Street. Ettalong Beach took a great deal of our time. Initial contact made on 23/10/2025 .. with holes filled 10/12/2025. There were 6 calls & 3 incident numbers. It should have been attended to in a timely manner. This corner is dangerous, drivers don't make allowances for potholes. Perhaps Belinda Neal can suggest that there is a team designated to 'filling of potholes'. Better still suggest a Pothole Management Act.
Email submission	Please find attached my submission in relation to the Proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer. Proposal Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer The Council's letter does not give anywhere near adequate explanation of the reason why this change has been brought about. In a rural environment the levy for stormwater network management is irrelevant and historically the Council has not performed any management actions to mitigate the impact of existing or future flood risk to rural residents. So why are rural landholders charged this levy when no environment drainage management is actually performed? Therefore we do not support the ongoing charging of this levy.

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	Therefore we do not support the proposed transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge to the rate notice. Conclusions The letter, at reference A, provided to ratepayers does not adequately explain the reasoning behind the need to Transfer nor indeed the rationale for the Levy at all.
Email submission	Thank you for the opportunity for public input. From the letter of explanation, Council appears to have very little option, which on paper sounds OK. The only thing I can suggest is how the billing will be dispensed. My concern, is primarily for Pensioners. I am one myself, but comfortable enough financially to adjust to any alterations in the way billing will be handled. There are of course a number of people on the Central Coast who might need time to adjust to the method you have outlined, i.e. having rates and water together in one bill. So I would ask Council once the decision to combine is made to publish some hints on managing their payments before it comes in to force. Educating an aging population is crucial. I hope this has been of some helpful input.
Email submission	My main concern regarding charges for stormwater services is that there is no increase to the current cost of these services. This often seems the case when council separates costs. There have been significant increases in water rates since council separated these rates in July 2015. 2023 and 2024 saw large increases in water rates of 34%. Given the cost of living crisis it is difficult to keep up with rising costs of utilities, insurances and rates. I hope this is taken into consideration by Central Coast Council on implementing these changes.
Email submission	Thanks you for the opportunity provide feedback on the Stormwater Drainage situation in the Wyong Shire. What a surprise! I have been paying the Council a special charge to maintain the Stormwater system. I thought that the drain behind my house was just part of normal maintenance. Which is why not much gets done to maintain it. I have been a regular correspondent asking Council to carry out maintenance, as you would see if you looked up the records. Over many years! These requests have fallen on deaf ears for the most part, despite having significant water events involving the drain overflowing into my backyard and on occasion going under the house. Now I know there has been a charge, I would like to apply for a refund! It doesn't matter where you put the charge because you will be getting the money anyway. The problem, for me and probably a lot of other ratepayers, is that we cannot see where the money is being spent if at all. The Wyong end of Council has not been the same since Gosford was amalgamated and the Northern end has to prop up Gosford. The best solution is to cut Gosford loose and let them survive on their own. Thanks for giving me another venue to complain about the drain behind my place. Nothing has been happening for the past few years and this missive will not make much difference either but you can feel proud that you gave the community the opportunity to make a contribution!

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Email submission	I've received a letter re the stormwater drainage charge transfer. I have a granny flat on premise, so the water bill charges 2 times of the stormwater drainage services. Will it be the same (2x drainage charge) if the charge moves to the rate notice?
Email submission	Be advised that our storm water does not flow onto the street. It flows to a creek at the rear of the property which Council have refused to assist with maintenance. Now you want to charge us and neighbours for a service you don't provide. Oh dear!
Email submission	I am quite happy for the charge to be changed over to the rate notice as we have to pay it. HOWEVER I know a great deal of work was done in Connex & Lovell Streets Umina BUT what worries me is the fact nothing is ever done to clear the debris from the grates that take water into the stormwater drains. Gutters are no longer cleaned as they once were and this litter just piles up on the grates which sometimes eventually goes down into the drains but in the mean time water banks up & goes down peoples drives or floods the roads. Why don't the patrols clear these grates & why do we no longer get gutters swept?
Email submission	I am writing to express my serious concern regarding the application of Stormwater and Water Rates Drainage charges to land zoned RU1 and moving these charges to the rates notice. The transfer of stormwater drainage charges to the rates notice represents nothing more than an additional financial burden on ratepayers. It is not only unnecessary, but also a costly administrative process that provides no clear benefit to those being charged. Also, Rural properties within this zone do not utilise stormwater or drainage infrastructure, nor are such services provided to these areas. In addition, rural ratepayers continue to experience limited service delivery, including inadequate road maintenance, insufficient public amenities, and a lack of tangible infrastructure investment in return for these charges. Applying these costs to rural and mountain areas where the services are neither required nor delivered appears inequitable and unreasonable. If Council considers it appropriate to impose these charges, it would be expected that a corresponding level of service, investment, or benefit is provided to affected landowners. At a minimum, Council should ensure that development applications and approvals in these areas are assessed and determined in a timely and efficient manner, so that rural landholders are not further disadvantaged. I respectfully request that Council reconsider transferring the charges to the rates notice and clearly outline the justification and exactly what the costs involved are to the rate payer.
Email submission	I am writing in response to your letter regarding the transfer of the stormwater drainage charge from my water bill to my rates. I strongly object to paying the stormwater drainage charge - council provides Marlow with no drainage infrastructure so the charge is invalid and dishonest. I think that the stormwater drainage charge should be paid by those who are actually serviced by such infrastructure in their area and should not be levied on residents who are not provided with any such infrastructure. I do not agree to transferring the stormwater drainage charge to my rates charge - myself (and the other residents of Marlow) should not have to pay this charge at all.

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Email submission	With reference to the letter sent by Council regarding Transferring Stormwater Drainage Charges to Council Rate Notices. I am not in favour of Council doing this because in my opinion it's another avenue where Council can manipulate additional costs annually. I also feel that this Council is inadequate in providing good services to the community. How does a Council go into debt of millions of dollars and continue to exist? The Auditors that check the Councils books should also be questioned as to why they allowed the Central Coast Council to continue trading. The Auditors should have been sued because they are not doing their job, if this occurred to a private company they would have been in receivership which is what would happen to companies and businesses that trade insolvent. The competence of this Council comes into question when they try shifting charges from one avenue to another. The Council's Stormwater management comes into question every time flooding occurs I have seen very little done when it comes to Stormwater management. I think it's another money grab idea from some incompetent individual or individuals employed by council.
Email submission	I read with interest your recent letter regarding the transfer of STORMWATER charges from Central Coast Council to now appear as part of the RATES assessment, Central Coast Council. In principle I envisage this as a bureaucratic administration affair and therefore do not see any reason to interfere with the administration wheels turning process. Where I am concerned and have prior expressed my concern regarding having to PAY SO MUCH even though this site does not connect to the Central Coast STORMWATER system. This site has two (2) large RUBBLE drainage PIT systems: 1. Within the boundaries of the property which collects all the STORMWATER from the roofs and any ground water runoff, like driveways. 2. Another outside the property, I believe between the road surface and the footpath, underneath the grass area, collecting runoff for the road directly in front of 5 Gross Avenue PLUS water from up to five (5) other property road areas. Until recently we were the ONLY property in Gross Avenue effectively handling Council Roadway STORMWATER runoff. As part of the Central Coast community, I appreciate I should be making a financial contribution to THE SYSTEM as it benefits the whole. What I am questioning is why our contribution is SO HIGH given approximately \$50,000 was input into the property cost to dig out and construct the RUBBLE drainage systems. At an initial cost of \$50,000 we have forward paid stormwater for 451.3 years given our Charges. * $[\\$50,000 \text{ divided by } \\$110.8 \text{ (current yearly charge)} = 451.3 \text{ years}]$ If the best Council can do is send me the below PATHETIC standard response DON'T BOTHER. In closing Council should reassess, or should I say assess its assessment process of construction work This property has drawings sent to Council regarding the construction of the PIT on the edge of the roadway. I understand once completed and occupancy was granted to live at No 5 Gross this pit though paid for by us is handed over to Council. When I questioned HOW approval was granted even though there was not a Grate / sieving plate over the inlet whole from the PIT to the RUBBEL drain, NOTHING.

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	Plans as submitted to Council (excerpt) The lack of some form of restraint (Stainless Steel mesh screen) to hold back; * LEAVES * Children's balls and small toys * Large amounts of PLASTIC discarded coffee cups etc left in the street by several; * Builders * Chippies * Electricians * Plumbers * Landscapers * And others The Rubble drain lost a noticeable amount of efficiency and ability to handle water runoff as it was APPROVED though missing the grate as designed. (see attached). Thought someone from council did come and inspect the pit, two years post occupancy, NOTHING happened. I have purchased a grate from the Civil Construction group working on other properties in Gross Avenue and installed the grate myself. This was EXEPTIONALLY difficult as I could not enter the PIT as I no longer hold a 'Working in Confined Spaces' certification. Now that the pit was approved, WRONGFULLY, and the PIT area is now somewhat blocked what is council going to do about it. So I pass on to Council my appreciation for charging us for something we paid for and incompetence in inspection by the Council Development Inspector prior to hand over. The stormwater drainage charge allows Council to sustainably manage its stormwater drainage network. The charges are used to fund the maintenance and replacement of existing stormwater drainage infrastructure and for the construction of new stormwater drainage infrastructure on a priority basis. Council continues to expand the region's stormwater drainage network with the stormwater drainage network providing a regional benefit to all community members. Despite some properties not directly benefiting from stormwater infrastructure, the stormwater drainage network provides a regional benefit to all community members as it ensures community infrastructure and natural assets are protected, connects communities and supports access to work, recreation and critical services. The stormwater drainage charge for the Central Coast Council Local Government Area has been set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and will remain in place until 30 June 2026. The charges apply to all rateable properties located within Central Coast Council's Declared Drainage Areas Map. This declaration was made under the Water Management Act in former Gosford City Council in 1991 and former Wyong Shire Council in 2009.
Email submission	I understand that this is happening but it concerns me the name change from Stormwater Drainage Residential of \$36.94 will be now called Drainage Charge Residential on our rate notice. The name change should not occur as it leaves it open to the amount increasing and the way the funding is used by council. To me it seems another revenue charge will occur and we the ratepayer will be once again confused into submission. I would agree with proposal if name stayed the same and the proposal be simplified so us ratepayers could understand.

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Email submission	Please find attached my formal submission in relation to Council's proposal to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge from water bills to rate notices. The submission provides conditional support for the proposed transfer, subject to the governance, transparency, asset data verification, and financial safeguards set out in the document. I request that this submission be recorded and considered in full as part of Council's public consultation process. I am writing to provide a submission in relation to the proposed transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge into Council's general rating framework. This submission offers conditional support for the proposal, subject to the governance, transparency, and financial safeguards set out below. The following submission sets out the basis for that conditional support. Page 1 of 17 Submission — Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer Conditional Support: Governance, Quarantining, and Transparency This submission addresses not only the proposed billing transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge, but also the unresolved legacy financial and governance issues affecting stormwater funding at Central Coast Council. Independent reviews and Council's own financial disclosures indicate that the Drainage Fund has carried a persistent negative unrestricted balance since at least 2020 1,2, which is currently managed through consolidation with the General Fund. While the proposed transfer preserves revenue continuity, it does not, of itself, remediate this legacy deficit. Accordingly, support for the transfer must be conditional on enforceable quarantining, transparency, and governance safeguards. 1. Position summary I support the transfer of the Stormwater Drainage Charge from water bills to rate notices only on the condition that stormwater revenues are explicitly quarantined, transparently reported, and governed as a discrete funding stream. Absent such safeguards, the proposed transfer represents a structural revenue reclassification into Council's rate base, rather than a neutral billing change, with long-term governance and transparency implications that have not been adequately addressed in Council's core planning documents. 2. Acknowledgement of legislative necessity I acknowledge that legislative amendments to the Water Management Act 2000 remove Central Coast Council's ongoing ability to levy the Stormwater Drainage Charge via water bills, with transitional charging arrangements expiring on 30 June 2026³, and that Council must therefore adopt an alternative lawful mechanism if stormwater services are to remain funded. In that sense, a transfer under the Local Government Act 1993 is procedurally understandable. For a plain-English chronology explaining how this legislative change interacts with Central Coast Council's longstanding stormwater financial and governance issues, see Annex D – Consolidated Timeline (2006–2026) 3. Financial reality disclosed by Council Council's own November 2025 financial disclosures show that: The Drainage Fund holds a negative unrestricted cash balance (–\$39.6 million)⁴; and 1 McCulloch R, Report of the Public Inquiry into Central Coast Council, 10 February 2022, para 242.

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	2 Central Coast Council, Monthly Finance Report – December 2021, Drainage Fund balances table. 3 Water Management Amendment (Central Coast Council) Act 2024 (NSW), Schedule 1, including savings and transitional provisions permitting levy of stormwater drainage service charges for the 2025–26 charging year only. 4 Central Coast Council, Monthly Investment Report and Financial Performance – November 2025, restricted and unrestricted cash balances Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 2 of 17 Council is managing this deficit through consolidation with the General Fund, which holds substantial unrestricted cash reserves. This position reflects a long-standing structural issue identified during the 2020–2022 Public Inquiry process, rather than a short-term or transitional funding anomaly. This confirms that stormwater drainage is not currently financially standalone and is already being cross-subsidised through general revenues in cash-flow terms. This position has persisted across multiple financial years and reporting formats, indicating a structural rather than transitional dependency. Accordingly, claims that stormwater funding must be “protected” through a dedicated charge are inconsistent with the existing financial treatment, where consolidation and unrestricted fund support are already occurring as part of Council’s routine financial management and reporting. 4. Why the billing transfer does not itself provide ring-fencing Moving the Stormwater Drainage Charge: From water bills to rate notices; and From a utility-regulated framework to the general rating framework does not, of itself: Create a legally restricted fund Prevent consolidation with the General Fund Prevent cross-subsidisation Ensure long-term financial sustainability of stormwater services Once collected, the revenue remains subject to the same restricted vs unrestricted accounting treatment as other Council income. As such, the location of billing does not equate to financial protection. In regulated financial and utility contexts, ring-fencing denotes enforceable financial separation, including independent liquidity and prohibition of cross-subsidisation. By contrast, the current arrangement represents earmarking within a pooled cash and risk structure. While earmarking may signal intent, it does not provide the protections commonly associated with ring-fencing, particularly where unrestricted deficits are offset through consolidation. 5. Structural revenue impact acknowledged but under-documented The 5 December 2025 Ratepayer Notice explicitly states that: Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 3 of 17 “While there is no direct nett impact⁵ (as described by Council) to the total amount you pay, (i.e. in the first year only) the transfer would mean a cumulative increase to Council’s rate income of 12.67% (including 3.2% rate peg).” This is a material admission that the charge becomes part of the rate base, subject to: Automatic compounding through annual rate pegging; and Permanent expansion of Council’s general revenue envelope However, this structural revenue effect is not

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	equally or clearly disclosed in the Delivery Program 2025–2029 or Operational Plan 2025–26, despite those documents being the primary instruments under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for translating revenue policy into service commitments. This separation limits informed community understanding. For ratepayers, this distinction matters because embedding the charge into the rate base without explicit safeguards reduces visibility over how stormwater funds are used, how legacy deficits are treated, and how future increases compound over time. Transparency is therefore not ancillary to the proposal; it is central to informed consent. 6. Governance context matters Central Coast Council remains subject to heightened governance expectations arising from: The McCulloch Inquiry⁶; and The Ministerial Performance Improvement Order⁷. Both emphasise: Clear separation of restricted and unrestricted funds in both accounting and cash-management terms Transparent disclosure of revenue impacts Avoidance of accounting treatments that obscure financial reality In this context, embedding stormwater revenue into the rate base without explicit policy guardrails risks recreating the very governance weaknesses previously identified. 5 Central Coast Council, Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer – Ratepayer Notice, December 2025 6 McCulloch R, Report of the Public Inquiry into Central Coast Council, 10 February 2022 7 Performance Improvement Order issued under s 438A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Central Coast Council, dated 19 September 2024, Schedules 1 and 2. (accessed 21 December 2025) Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 4 of 17 7. Conditions required to support the transfer I therefore support the proposed transfer only if Council commits to the following safeguards: 1. Explicit recognition and remediation of the legacy Drainage Fund deficit, including: formal identification of the negative unrestricted drainage balance as a Legacy Drainage Deficit; and adoption of a transparent remediation framework addressing how that deficit is to be managed, monitored, and reduced over time. 2. Explicit quarantine of stormwater revenue, implemented through either: a formally restricted stormwater reserve established under Council’s financial policies; or a clearly defined internal restriction supported by a publicly available Council policy, including permitted uses, prohibited uses, and approval requirements for any exception. 3. Separate public reporting, consistent with the standards set out in the Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines (2006) issued under section 23A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW). At minimum annually, within Council’s Annual Report or Integrated Planning and Reporting documents, through a clearly identifiable stormwater schedule or appendix, disclosing for the reporting period: stormwater income (including charge

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	revenue and other sources); stormwater operating expenditure; capital works and asset renewal expenditure; reserve movements and balances; and any General Fund support, consolidation, or internal financing applied during the reporting period. Including a comparison between projected and actual stormwater management services provided and associated expenditure outcomes, as explicitly required by the Guidelines. 4. Clear disclosure in future IP&R documents, including: Delivery Programs Operational Plans Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 5 of 17 Long-Term Financial Plans of the stormwater charge as a discrete funding stream, not merely embedded within general rates. 5. Explicit explanation of rate-peg compounding effects, so the community understands long-term impacts beyond the first year. 6. Corporate Overhead and Internal Service Charge Safeguard, Council must cap any 'Corporate Overhead', 'Internal Service', or equivalent administrative charges applied to the Stormwater Fund at an efficient and transparent benchmark level. Any overhead allocation must be supported by a published cost-allocation methodology demonstrating that charges reflect genuine stormwater-related administrative costs, rather than serving as a mechanism to transfer liquidity back to the General Fund. 7. Funding Sufficiency Review (Revenue Neutrality Test) While Council has described the proposed transfer as 'revenue neutral', historical financial performance indicates that the existing charge level has coincided with persistent operating deficits and sub-benchmark asset renewal and maintenance outcomes. Accordingly, support for the transfer should be conditional on IPART satisfying itself that the transferred charge level is sufficient to fund sustainable stormwater operations, including achieving a 100% Asset Maintenance Ratio and an appropriate Asset Renewal Ratio over time. If the current charge level is insufficient, Council should acknowledge this structural gap transparently rather than relying on the 'revenue neutral' framing. Any future proposal to increase the charge should be supported by the verified asset condition data required under Condition 8. 8. Asset Data Verification (The "Backlog Paradox") Council's Asset Management Strategy (June 2025) reports a 0.4% Infrastructure Backlog alongside a 73% Maintenance Ratio and 50% Renewal Ratio. These figures are internally inconsistent and indicate that the reported backlog is likely a function of incomplete condition identification rather than asset health. Condition: Approval should be conditional on Council completing the "Comprehensive Asset Revaluation" referenced in the Strategy and elevating stormwater asset condition confidence from "Uncertain" to "Reliable" for all major stormwater asset classes within 24 months. Future reporting must explicitly reconcile backlog estimates with maintenance and renewal inputs. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 6 of 17 Without these measures, the proposal functions as a structural revenue shift, not a neutral administrative transfer. Further detail on the governance and remediation measures required to address the legacy Drainage Fund deficit is set out in Annex C (Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit: Governance and Remediation Framework). 8. Conclusion The proposed transfer may

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	be necessary to preserve lawful funding continuity for stormwater services following legislative change and the expiry of transitional charging arrangements.⁸ Stormwater infrastructure is essential and must be adequately funded. However, funding necessity does not justify reduced transparency. If Council wishes to embed stormwater charges into the rate base, it must do so with: Clear financial quarantine Disciplined reporting Governance safeguards consistent with past inquiry findings Only under those conditions can the transfer be supported as both lawful and responsible. These conditions are not punitive; they reflect the minimum transparency and discipline required following documented financial governance failures. Without explicit recognition and remediation of the legacy Drainage Fund deficit, the proposed transfer should be understood as a revenue continuity and consolidation measure rather than a financial repair of the stormwater function. Transparency and data integrity are not secondary safeguards; they are prerequisites for lawful and sustainable stormwater funding following Council's documented financial governance failures. Any future adjustment to the charge should follow, not precede, verified asset condition data. ⁸ Water Management Amendment (Central Coast Council) Act 2024 (NSW), including Schedule 1 (amendment of the Water Management Act 2000) and transitional provisions permitting Central Coast Council to levy stormwater drainage service charges for the charging year commencing 1 July 2025, as well as related amendments removing Council's status as a water supply authority. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 7 of 17 Appendix A – IPART Assessment Context and Regulatory Considerations For the purposes of IPART's assessment of the proposed Special Variation, this submission draws attention to the fact that transferring the Stormwater Drainage Charge into the general rating framework represents more than a change in billing pathway. It constitutes a structural integration of the charge into Council's rate base, with compounding effects over time through the application of annual rate pegging. While the stormwater charge may be cost-based at inception, IPART is invited to consider whether appropriate governance safeguards are in place to ensure that stormwater revenues remain transparently identified, effectively quarantined, and publicly reported over time. This consideration is particularly relevant given Council's recent governance history and its current financial context. From a regulatory perspective, approval of the Special Variation would be strengthened by conditions that support IPART's core principles of efficiency, transparency, and intergenerational equity⁹. Such conditions may include explicit revenue segregation for stormwater purposes, clear public reporting of stormwater income and expenditure, and disclosure of the long-term revenue impacts of the charge within Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. These measures would assist both regulators and ratepayers to assess whether the charge continues to operate as intended over time. These considerations are especially pertinent where a charge transitions from a utility-linked billing mechanism to the general rating framework, as the transparency and cost-reflectivity safeguards inherent in those two regimes differ materially. Context – Evolution of the Drainage Fund Deficit In 2020, the Drainage Fund shortfall identified during the Public Inquiry reflected an acute governance and compliance failure, involving the unauthorised use of internally and externally restricted funds and the absence of approved alternative funding

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	arrangements. By 2025, while the Drainage Fund's negative unrestricted position is now disclosed in Council's financial reporting, it has effectively become normalised through consolidation with the General Fund. The deficit remains unclassified as a legacy liability and is not supported by a formal remediation or repayment framework. This distinction is important: transparency alone does not constitute financial repair. Without explicit recognition and remediation, the underlying structural deficit persists. 9 Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), Special Variation Guidelines, current version. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 8 of 17 Appendix B – Conditional Recommendation for IPART Consideration Should IPART be minded to approve the proposed Special Variation to transfer the Stormwater Drainage Charge into Council's general rating framework, this submission recommends that such approval be accompanied by governance and transparency measures designed to preserve the integrity of the charge over time. In particular, IPART may wish to consider conditions requiring Central Coast Council to: explicitly identify stormwater drainage revenue as a discrete funding stream within its financial statements and Integrated Planning and Reporting documents; publicly report, at least annually, on stormwater income, operating expenditure, capital investment, and any consolidation with or support from the General Fund; and clearly disclose the long-term revenue impacts associated with rate-peg compounding following the transfer. These measures would assist in maintaining transparency and intergenerational equity, and would provide ongoing regulatory assurance that the stormwater charge remains cost-reflective and purpose-specific. They are also consistent with the principles underpinning IPART's Special Variation assessment framework. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 9 of 17 Annex C — Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit: Governance and Remediation Framework C1. Recognition of the Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit C1.1 Council should formally acknowledge that the negative unrestricted position historically reported within the Drainage Fund represents a Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit, rather than allowing it to remain embedded as an unexplained negative unrestricted cash balance. C1.2 This legacy deficit should be disclosed as a distinct line item, clearly identifiable within Council's financial reporting. C1.3 Council should publish a concise annual legacy deficit statement (one page), addressing at minimum: - the opening Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit balance; - movements during the reporting year and the drivers of those movements; - the closing balance at year-end; and - the remaining remediation horizon and indicative timeframe for resolution. C1.4 Explicit recognition of the legacy deficit is necessary to enable credible remediation. As identified during the Public Inquiry process, the Drainage Fund shortfall was associated with historical liquidity failures and likely breaches of Council

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	policy and legislative requirements. Absent formal recognition, effective remediation cannot occur. C2. Conversion of General Fund Support into an Explicit Internal Loan C2.1 Council currently discloses that the negative unrestricted position of the Drainage Fund is managed through consolidation with, or offset by, the General Fund. This arrangement lacks the transparency and discipline associated with a defined financing structure. C2.2 Council should convert this arrangement into a formal internal loan, with the following minimum attributes: Lender: General Fund Borrower: Stormwater / Drainage function Principal: the quantified Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit at the implementation date (for example, approximately –\$39.6 million as at November 2025, subject to update) Interest: either Council's weighted average cost of funds; or Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 10 of 17 a policy-determined internal rate, which must be publicly disclosed Repayment term: indicative range of 10–20 years, aligned with asset lives and affordability considerations Repayment source: a defined portion of stormwater charge revenue and/or identified efficiency savings Interest subordination: Interest accrual and payment under the internal loan must be subordinated to essential stormwater asset maintenance and renewal. Interest must not be accrued or paid in any financial year in which the stormwater function fails to achieve its adopted Asset Maintenance Ratio target (100%) on a rolling three-year average, or where deferral of maintenance would materially increase asset risk or backlog. C2.3 Council should disclose the internal loan balance and repayment schedule annually, including principal repayments, interest applied, and remaining term. C2.4 This approach converts an implicit consolidation practice into a transparent, auditable remediation mechanism. C3. Enforceable Stormwater Revenue Quarantining C3.1 If Council seeks to characterise stormwater funding as quarantined, such quarantining must be enforceable rather than notional. C3.2 Council should establish a dedicated Stormwater Reserve or Special Purpose Reserve, supported by a published Council policy that clearly defines: permitted uses (including maintenance, renewals, upgrades, and servicing of stormwater-related debt); prohibited uses (including general operations and unrelated capital expenditure); and approval requirements for any exception, including formal Council resolution and public disclosure. C3.3 Council should prepare an annual Stormwater Reserve Movement Statement, disclosing: opening reserve balance; stormwater charge revenue (rates-based); interest allocated; transfers in and out, with stated purpose; capital and operating expenditure funded; and Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 11 of 17

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	closing reserve balance. C3.4 This represents the minimum transparency expected in any environment described as “ring-fenced”. C4. Standalone Stormwater Financial Reporting C4.1 To prevent stormwater financial performance being obscured within aggregated infrastructure reporting, Council should publish a standalone Stormwater Financial Report annually (which may be presented as a discrete appendix). C4.2 At minimum, the report should disclose: Income stormwater charge revenue; other stormwater-related fees or contributions; and grants. Expenditure maintenance; asset renewals; new capital works; and overhead allocations (reported separately). Asset outcomes renewals ratio for stormwater assets; and an indicative backlog estimate, applied consistently year-to-year. Deficit remediation internal loan balance; and repayments made during the reporting period. C4.3 This reporting ensures stormwater performance and remediation progress remain visible and assessable. C5. “No Worse Off” Legacy Deficit Protection Rule C5.1 If the stormwater charge transfer is justified on the basis of financial sustainability, the Legacy Drainage Fund Deficit must not increase following implementation. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 12 of 17 C5.2 Should the deficit increase in any reporting period, Council should publicly disclose: the reasons for the increase; the corrective actions to be undertaken; and the timeframe for restoring compliance. C5.3 This functions as a governance circuit breaker, preventing further erosion of financial integrity. C6. Independent Verification and Assurance C6.1 Given the historical findings of the Public Inquiry, Council should accept independent verification of stormwater governance and remediation arrangements, through one or more of the following: an annual internal audit review of stormwater quarantining and legacy deficit remediation; and/or an external assurance statement at least once every two to three years. C6.2 These measures are proportionate, non-punitive, and consistent with restoring confidence following documented governance failures. C7. Cash Management Discipline C7.1 In addition to accounting restrictions, Council should disclose whether stormwater reserves are supported by sufficient cash or investments to meet forecast stormwater obligations, rather than being notional balances within a pooled cash structure. C7.2 Where cash backing is insufficient, this should be disclosed explicitly, along with the extent of reliance on General Fund liquidity. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 13 of 17

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	Annex D – Consolidated Plain-English Timeline (2006–2026) 2006 – Stormwater charging rules are set The NSW Government issues the Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines (2006)¹⁰. These require stormwater charge revenue to be planned, tracked, and reported for stormwater purposes (not general revenue). Oct–Dec 2020 – Financial controls collapse (Council’s own timeline)¹¹ 6 Oct 2020: “immediate and serious liquidity issue” announced. 20 Oct 2020: unable to make payroll; meeting considers using restricted funds. 21 Oct 2020: NSW Government advances \$6.2m; suspension deadline. 30 Oct 2020: councillors suspended; Administrator appointed. Nov–Dec 2020: default notices, emergency borrowing, cash-negative disclosure, SV pathway, legal advice re restricted funds. 2021–2023 – Drainage Fund deficit persists (reported figures) Dec 2021: negative unrestricted cash ~–\$36.3m. Dec 2022: negative unrestricted cash ~–\$36.1m; operating deficit forecast ~–\$3.4m. Dec 2023: negative unrestricted cash ~–\$34.2m. 15 Aug 2024 – Legislative trigger forces a billing pathway change The Water Management Amendment (Central Coast Council) Act 2024 (NSW) removes CCC’s status as a water supply authority (structural change), while allowing a time-limited transitional charging window: 1 Jul 2025: start of final transitional charging year 30 Jun 2026: last lawful day to levy via water bills 1 Jul 2026: water-bill pathway ends 10 NSW Department of Local Government, Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines, 26 July 2006, adopted as Director-General’s Guidelines under s 23A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), requiring councils to consider the Guidelines and justify any departure. 11 Central Coast Council, Central Coast Council Financial Crisis Timeline October–December 2020 (Council-authored chronology of key liquidity, restricted-funds, borrowing and IPART/SV events; PDF, Oct–Dec 2020; published May 2024 on Council website). Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 14 of 17 June 2025 – Asset Management Strategy presents contradictory stormwater indicators Council adopts Asset Management Strategy and Plans 2025–2035 (June 2025)¹². The Strategy’s “Sustainability” table reports (for 2023–24): 1.Backlog ratio for stormwater drainage: 0.4% (target “2% or less”) 2.Asset renewal ratio: 50% (target “90–110%”) 3.Asset maintenance ratio: 73% (target “100% or greater”) Read plainly, these three numbers do not fit together: If renewal is only 50% and maintenance is 73%, the network is being under-renewed and under-maintained. Yet the backlog is presented as almost perfect (0.4%), implying there is very little deferred renewal need. The same Strategy’s confidence table then shows why this is not a reliable “all good” result: For key stormwater asset categories (e.g., pipes, box culverts, pits, headwalls, open

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	channels), the condition confidence is graded "Uncertain". "Uncertain" means the condition assessment is incomplete or extrapolated from limited evidence, and the Strategy states that a more detailed stormwater asset assessment is still underway. This is the core confusion: a near-zero backlog is being presented alongside significant under-maintenance and under-renewal, while the condition evidence for major asset classes is explicitly "Uncertain". The most reasonable interpretation is that the low backlog figure reflects incomplete condition identification (i.e., defects not captured), rather than strong asset health. Accordingly, the reported backlog ratio should not be relied upon as a proxy for stormwater asset sustainability. Dec 2024 – Reduced transparency and drainage debt identified Drainage reporting becomes more consolidated within General Fund tables; Drainage Fund external debt disclosed (~\$6.6m). Oct–Nov 2025 – Position deteriorates and consolidation is admitted Oct 2025: Drainage external debt remains (~\$6.17m). 12 Central Coast Council, Asset Management Strategy and Plans 2025–2035 (adopted v1, June 2025), Appendices A4.2 and A4.8, pp 67, 73. Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 15 of 17 Nov 2025: negative unrestricted cash worsens to ~-\$39.6m; Council states it is managing the negative balance through consolidation with the General Fund. 5 Dec 2025 – Ratepayer consultation launched CCC issues the "Proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer – Your Voice Our Coast" notice seeking submissions on transferring the charge to the rate notice via an IPART Special Variation (submissions close 11 Jan 2026). Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 16 of 17 End of Submission Submission – Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer (Conditional Support) Date: 21 December 2025 Page 17 of 17
Email submission	I do not mind the above being attached to the annual Rates Notice. However, I vehemently oppose this transition if it is an attempt to increase the levy on Storm Water Drainage fees. Our rates on the Central Coast are already absorbent and vindictive on citizens given the chronic wastage of Council Funds from previous out of control administrators. Our roads where we live are inundated with pot holes and Council simply leaves them to ruin our cars and tyres. A significant discount on land rates should be implemented in 2026, as we have paid enough for the sins of the past by inept Council Officials.
Email submission	We live in Davistown and have since 2012. In this time Central Coast Council has never managed or maintained our stormwater in any capacity. We have culverts and they have never been cleaned in our street or maintained in any way. We should not have to pay for any stormwater what so ever, the charge should be cancelled all together. When it comes to Stormwater management in Davistown, Central Coast council have not provided a service and we should not have to pay for it at all.

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Email submission	I have no objection to the transfer of the stormwater drainage charge, but I would hope that it will not be increased by the whim of council. I expect it is currently charged by some levy or percentage of land value, which of course will increase as land values increase. I would also expect IPART to place some sort of limit on such increases. Rental Property also affected
Email submission	Wyong Central Coast Council has already increased rates through a requested variation yearly for the last few years. I resent the fact that the increase was larger than normal and had to go to iPart for approval, for a start. Do I get more value for money. No. The water coming out of my tap tastes terrible. There have been sewage leaks in the big pipes that go in the bushland near Chain Valley Bay South. Stormwater management that we have in Chain Valley Bay South is almost nonexistence. Let me explain. I have to request Council to clear out the edges of the road regularly for the last 15 years, The water sits there and grows algae. When it rains heavily the water backs up because it doesn't drain away properly because there's no curb and guttering and other reasons, and then the pipes that drain water from my house block up and the water backs up on my property. I have talked to Council about this and they decided not to do anything but put it back on me which I did do something on my property I had it assessed and there was no problem. Council's problem but you won't fix it so why should I pay more money or any money at all to Council for stormwater that doesn't even work properly. Address the issues First and then we might support Council and what they'd like to do. I do not support any increase in stormwater funding or shifting it to the rates. By putting it in the rates it will be subject to an annual increase along with our rates. NO definitely not OK. We pay enough rates as it is because of Council's incompetence a few years ago losing money to some sort of investment/ bonds. Oh and the traffic at Doyalson lights is not adequate Wyee and south bound have to wait for 15mins to get through in peak. Please help to resolve this by bringing this to the attention of the management authority. We desperately need an upgrade and need more turning lanes at the lights and better timed cycles. And while we're talking about lights. Whose ridiculous idea was it to change the timing of the lights at Tall Timbers and Pacific Hwy. Now the southbound lane turning right into Tall Timber backs up and blocks traffic in the other centre lane. Dangerous. The timing was working well as it was.
Email submission	We are Residents of, Chittaway Point. Geoffrey Roads western end, only has 1 drain to service the entire of numbers 29 to 120. During the heavy rain periods this 1 Drain is not sufficient. If more drainage was implemented in the area i doubt the area would flood as such. Until more works is proposed in the area we object to the Stormwater charge transfer, as not enough work is done

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Email submission	I stongly oppose paying this fee. - My property is a rural one. - I do not currently receive and pay water bills. - My property exists on tank water. Being a rural property that does not have tank water supplied to it, it ought to be exempt. There is no stormwater drainage or related infrastructure that benefit my prroperty in our area. Please advise whether or not rural properies without town water supplied will be affected or except.
Email submission	I live in yarramalong and I am on tank water only. I see you are trying to add a charge onto the rates that used to be in people's water rates. But if I dont pay water rates as my water treatment and servicing costs are up to me, will this now be a charge that I will pay now but never paid before?
Email submission	I have some questions about the above that do not appear in your Frequently Asked Questions. I would appreciate a response to the below please. 1. There is mention that not all ratepayers currently pay the Stormwater Drainage Charge. I would like to understand the categories of ratepayers who do not. 2. Are all NSW Councils taking the same approach proposed by Central Coast Council?
Email submission	Thank you so very much for your letter dated 05/12/25, I found it informative as well as humorous, please allow me to explain: My wife and I have lived at this address for the past 13 yrs, in those 13yrs we have seen little to no improvement in services provided to the Chain Valley Bay area. Now there is the odd occasion where council might come out and cut the grass around the surrounding bush however other than regular bin collections there is very little in terms of service. You see we have no kerbs and guttering (oh I know this falls under a different dept) however in your letter you claim \$18 million spend on roads and drainage infrastructure, well why are kebs & gutters not classed as part of the infrastructure? Often here we have brown/cloudy water, disruption to supply through old and broken pipes, don"t get me started on the water pressure or lack of it.We personally have one storm water drain yet you do charge us for 2! The property does have 2 buildings on it, however still only 1 storm water drain, I may be mistaken and correct me if I am wrong, the term storm water drain relates to water that falls from the sky? This being so I can assure you that we do not receive double the amount of rain water, thus feel to be charged for 2 is a liberty on your behalf! Add to this the fact that previously the council stole monies that we the rate payer paid and then we get the increase to recoup the loss so in short, NO I WILL NOT AGREE to a stormwater Drainage transfer charge.
Email submission	I agree that the transfer of storm water drainage is appropriate. Thank you for your letter - it was very clear and consise.

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Email submission	I think through the mismanagement of the Central Coast Council where the Council was placed into administration. The continuing rise of water rates and council rates, etc to pay for this mismanagement now sees the council out of administration https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/media-release/central-coast-council-ends-administration-period-strong-financial-position#:~:text=Published%2520On,health%252C%E2%80%9D%2520Ms%2520Racomelara%2520said. I resent the proposed application from the Central Coast Council to IPART for a Special Variation. As a concerned rate payer who has seen the continual greed and spending of the council over the last two decades; I fear that greed will get out of hand once again. What has the council done to reduce operating costs? What was the staffing level and costs when the council amalgamation began to what it is today? What pay increases have been given? Stormwater costs, what have they been over the last decade? I think the very idea of transferring this cost over to the rates is outrageous!
Email submission	Can you please advise when the drainage pits along both Ocean Beach Road and Mt Ettalong road are scheduled for cleaning/waste removal. Many have weed and rubbish accumulated at street level preventing storm water run off in an efficient manner.
Email submission	Thank you for your letter about this move. It looks like Council wants to be able to increase the storm water charge with each year whereas at the present this is not possible. I wish that Council would at each meeting where rate rises are discussed that Council would consider the impact of the subsequent devaluation of our currency, given that rate rises feed into inflation because everybody pays rates either directly or indirectly.
Email submission	As a rate payer to central coast Council I would hope that council's Proposal of a Stormwater drainage charge Transfer is not councils way of increasing more higher rates to add to the high rates already paid and will be observing councils application,
Email submission	I have been asked to comment on the transfer of the stormwater charge to my normal rates. Why was the legislation changed? Was this an intentional outcome of the legislation?
Email submission	YES in favour.
Email submission	Q Who will be "regulating" the stormwater drainage charge? If a reliable body is checking that the charges proposed have been properly assessed, and that the resulting works are necessary and are efficiently carried out, i have no objection to the change.

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Email submission	I'm writing to you because the letter in regards to changing stormwater charge to our rates. We have payed this charge for the last 10 or so years and always thought it was wrong but now things are changing it's time to speak up. So our block slopes away from the street dramatically so there is no way to get our stormwater to the street. There was never any stormwater easements or way for our water to get away. We also have been catching the entire streets stormwater on our block and under our house causing damage to walls, peirs ect. We have spent thousands rectifying old stormwater issues but the best we can do is direct to the lowest point of our block (making it someone's issue to the deal with the water) In saying all this it feel a little unfair paying for a service we have no way of using.
Email submission	I am against this change because I have an onsite stormwater disposal system because I can't drain to the road. At the very least, my charge should be less than properties that have a stormwater easement or can drain to the road.
Email submission	Further to your council notice of the proposed stormwater drainage charge transfer, please note that I agree with the proposed change.
Email submission	Concern regarding the posting of Council Information letters regarding the above subject. I received a letter from Council today (Fri 19/12/25) re the above subject. The letter was dated 05/12/2025 a delay of 14 days. The letter was informing rate payers of IPART Special Variation etc and stated inter alia thatSubmissions to Council close Sun 11 January 2026. As a local resident and rate payer I have concerns regarding the timing and posting of the letter I received from Council regarding the subject which has residents concern in the past. Many residents will be distracted by Christmas, New Year and Holidays between today and the 11 Jan 2025. I respectfully ask that Council consider extending the time for submissions as many residents may feel disadvantaged by the timing of this letter and may also have concerns regarding transparency.
Email submission	As a contributor to this charge I have no issues with the transfer of payment to the rate notice. The money will have to come from some form of payment.
Email submission	As seen in the attachment there has been a mistake made by council. Service charges pertaining to stormwater drainage. 1st council do not provide stormwater drainage to our rural property either inside our boundary line or outside our boundary line, none. 2nd the account says its residential, our property is not zoned residential its zoned RU1 which means our property is rural and can't be misconstrued for something its not. Council are taking fees for something they are not providing and applying the charge to a category of land that is incorrect. I'm not sure if this is an honest mistake or wilful neglect, as already said in an earlier conversation by council, saying "it applies to all rural property's" isn't a plausible excuse to extract funds from rate payers, we would kindly demand this be corrected immediately and funds returned retrospectively. No water from our rural property runs outside, and could NOT run outside from our

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	farm, all rain water is collected in an extremely large Dam at the bottom of our property, and is able to be pumped where need on our property.
Email submission	I am writing in response to your letter regarding the stormwater charge, dated 5 December 2025, which I received on 19 December, some 14 days after the date of issue. It is apparent from the correspondence that this charge is not new in substance, but rather a re-branding of a charge that has already been addressed at a State level. The NSW Government has removed this charge for a reason, and in that context it should not be reintroduced or repackaged by Council under a different name. Continuing to impose the charge disregards the intent of the State's decision and places an unnecessary financial burden on ratepayers. I am also concerned by the inefficiency demonstrated in Council's administration of this matter. Ten identical letters were sent to the same address, which is a clear and avoidable waste of ratepayer funds. If Council is seeking to justify additional charges on the basis of funding "essential stormwater drainage services," it should first ensure it is operating efficiently and respectfully with public money. A single notice per postal address, or the use of electronic correspondence, would significantly reduce unnecessary expenditure. Further, the delay in delivery has effectively shortened the response period for property owners, which is unreasonable, particularly at this time of year. Council should be focused on prudent financial management and responsible use of ratepayer funds, rather than incurring avoidable costs through duplication and inefficient communication practices.
Email submission	Firstly, PLEASE ENSURE ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE IS ADDRESSED IN BOTH HOME OWNERS NAMES, In regards to your letter received today in relation to the proposed Stormwater Drainage Charge Transfer, I think it's absolutely disgusting that you charge us for doing NOTHING! Our home is located at Wamberal and has a stormwater drain at the front of our property which is on the corner The stormwater drain is constantly choked up from the vegetation across the road on council land. This in turn causes flooding every time there is heavy rain. We experience flooding that comes half way up our front lawn. We shouldn't have to clear the drain ourselves... I have had numerous communications with council about this however, nothing ever changes and is an ongoing issue that you do nothing about. Why do we pay a fee??? You are ripping homeowners off!!!
Email submission	We have just received your letter regarding the proposed changes to how we get charged for stormwater management. While we don't have a preference for where the charge appears, what we do strenuously object to is being charged water rates at all. This is because we are residents of Bar Point where all residences are on tank water and have septic tanks. We would love to hear your justification for being charged for services that are simply not provided at our locality. If the Council feels that you do indeed provide services, please list them by return email. We look forward to your response.

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Email submission	My wife just received the letter with regards proposed stormwater charge transfer, firstly why was I left off this letter as our property at Wyong Creek is in both names not just hers, secondly , we do not have town water or gutters for storm water and never have had . We are on tank water only with no town water , we have catchment dams for storm water management so why are we getting a letter only addressed to one owner not both and if we do not have storm water gutters or town water why are we to ware a cost that is not relevant to our area or our needs? We only get garbage pickup from our rates we pay and we used to get regular nature strip mowing but that is far and few between these days, we get all the debris on our property from storms water wash offs as they are not controlled by any means that should be associated with a fee as council does SFA in our area to warrant a fee charge. I am continually managing our property at our costs so we do not wish to get hit with more fees that do not make any sense for our area , we hope that this letter sent is incorrectly to our needs or chargers you propose .
Email submission	I have no objections to the submission.
Email submission	wow well done council, nice timing for a submission right on xmas,a useless waste of resources as it is ignored and you apply anyway,there is only so much juice you can squeeze from a lemon and you have just about done it, bitter i will say so in all my years of living in kanwal there has been nothing of signifigance done to hughes ave, except pothole repair if requested,f.yi. it is a main connecting road as is pearce but when the projections come out nothing quote resurfacing 2026 now 2034 ,our gutters are known as wyong creek , and you have the temerity to want more,perhaps a tighter rein on the finances would help and accountability transparency would help and take the burden off rate payers,not to mention all the new development both residential and business and developers contributions if i could see something positive being done for my area i am sure the rest of the ratepayers here would be a little more amenable towards increases disgusted
Email submission	You do have a nerve! You should never have come up with this conniving charge, and now that it is finally declared 'what were you thinking', you want people to agree to change it so you can charge again. And then you have the nerve to state, that it will not increase. You are a lying bunch of incompetents, who have wasted, what was it \$80mill?, for which nobody was responsible and held accountable, and now want licence to waste even more. You know as well as I do, and everybody who knows Gosford council, that it won't take a summer before this charge increases! I wish I would be wrong for once. I am quite aware that everything and every service cost money, and I don't have a problem with that. But when it is WASTED that's when I DO have a problem. And with Gosford Council a BIG one! So, NO, if my vote should count for anything. Find a different way to get the money you need – first by saving where it is wasted right now. Any idea? Maybe ask residents first, where they think money could be saved, THEN ask for the transfer.

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Email submission	Further to your letter dated 6/12/2025 regarding this matter, could I suggest as a resident of Patonga, where there is no drainage system evident, the stormwater drainage fee be dropped altogether as a charge is being applied where no service is provided!
Email submission	I am writing to formally object to the proposal to transfer the stormwater drainage charge from the water bill to the council rates. Accountability and Transparency The stormwater drainage charge should remain separate from council rates to ensure that each department is directly accountable for its service charges and the allocation of funds. Combining this charge into general rates risks obscuring where funds are directed, further reducing transparency in an area where the community already has concerns. Lack of Investment in Community Outcomes Council has not demonstrated that funds collected for stormwater management are being reinvested into beautifying or improving the community. Residents expect visible outcomes from these charges, such as improved drainage infrastructure, maintenance, and flood mitigation. Without clear evidence of such investment, transferring the charge into rates appears to be a mechanism to dilute accountability rather than improve service delivery. Risk of Increased Flooding and Maintenance Failures The Central Coast has experienced flooding events that highlight deficiencies in stormwater maintenance. Transferring this charge into council rates will only exacerbate these issues by removing the direct link between water management funding and service responsibility. Residents need assurance that stormwater management is properly resourced and maintained, not buried within a broader rates structure. Misappropriation of Funds – Burns Road Underpass There is also concern regarding the misallocation of funds previously received for flood mitigation at the Burns Road underpass. Funding was allocated for the installation of flood boom gates, yet Council opted for a cheaper and ineffective system of flashing lights. This system fails to deter motorists, particularly given the deceptive nature of water levels at that location. This decision demonstrates poor prioritisation and undermines confidence in Council’s ability to manage stormwater funding responsibly. Conclusion For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed transfer of the stormwater drainage charge into council rates. I urge Council to retain this charge as a separate item on the water bill, ensuring transparency, accountability, and proper allocation of funds to stormwater management.
Email submission	Administration Section Re the new proposal of transferring Stormwater Drainage charge from the water bill to the rate Note. As owners of Mardi..... there is no objection as long as: if this occurs that both bills show the alterations i.e. that the Rates will show the Drainage charge and no longer appear on Water bill.

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Email submission	I am writing to discuss the stormwater proposal to IPART. I would like to know why every one of our water bills has a charge for stormwater drainage when we have NONE out the front of our property. We have our yard turn to slush and mud every time we get any rain!! We have lived in this house since the 1960s and were told back then that we would be getting drainage/kerb and guttering and yet STILL it has not been forthcoming! There is drainage across the road from us, and additional drainage was put in for the people who were installing a pool, and yet we have to walk through ankle deep slush in wet weather! I am a disabled woman and use a walking stick to get about and this is totally unacceptable to be charging us regularly for drainage we do not possess!! Also, I believe this charge will also be being increased! When will council do the right thing by residents and actually give us the drainage we are paying for but do not have, whether it is quarterly or yearly on our rates, this is totally unacceptable!!
Email submission	Could you please let me know what the criteria is for those properties that currently do not pay a stormwater drainage charge.
Email submission	How dumb am I? I have been living in Long Jetty for 53 years and did not realise I was contributing to stormwater drainage! In todays dollars (I pay about \$100/year) that's about \$5,000.00 I've contributed to a stormwater fund and have nothing to show for it. There are 55 houses in my block of Stella Street. Together we have contributed at least \$275,000.00 to stormwater drainage over the past fifty years with nothing to show for it. Geez it makes my blood boil! It makes no difference if you take my money out of water rates or general rates, I'm screwed either way.
Email submission	Surf street may not have K & G bot it does have stormwater drainage! In Long Jetty shown above, the grade levels out, the overland flow slows and gets deeper and flows at about 100mm down their driveways and through their garages. The attached emails says it all. I suppose you could say half a dozen men wit a backhoe cleaning the vegetation from the open drains is my stormwater dollars at work. How dumb am I? I have been living in Long Jetty for 53 years and did not realise I was contributing to stormwater drainage! In todays dollars (I pay about \$100/year) that's about \$5,000.00 I've contributed to a stormwater fund and have nothing to show for it. There are 55 houses in my block. Together we have contributed at least \$275,000.00 to stormwater drainage over the past fifty years with nothing to show for it. Geez it makes my blood boil! It makes no difference if you take my money out of water rates or general rates, I'm screwed either way.
Email submission	The main question our Owner's Corporation want to know is this in plain English: WILL THIS CHANGE MEAN A WATER ACCOUNT WILL BE LESS THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE CHARGE WHICH WILL THEN BE ADDED TO THE RATES NOTICE. A WATER ACCOUNT WILL BE LESS THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE CHARGE AND THE RATES NOTICE WILL INCREASE WITH THE COST OF THE CHARGE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION - THE GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL IS NOT DOUBLE DIPPING!
Email submission	Why the change. What impact when placing in to Council DA application??

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Email submission	My question is related to the ongoing storm water charges I pay for yet there is no kerb or gutters providing any storm water relief from any of the properties in my section of Florida Street The Entrance North. I am located in the beach side of the street not the lake side and have observed this to be the only area in the Entrance North without stormwater management in place. It cannot be the lowest point in the area as both streets either side have kerbs and gutters as does the start of the street and the lakeside end which is prone to flooding. Consequently every time I pay for stormwater and drainage I am left bewildered by why am I paying at all. Who I pay and how I pay fades into insignificance compared to why I am paying for something that is not provided. Yes I have approached the council and their response is it's not on the list of jobs to do. Maybe my paying for stormwater and drainage should be on my not to do list
Email submission	Why would you close the feedback on a Sunday not even a working day. My water bill is \$400 a quarter and I use \$100 in water the rest is charges we do not have curb and guttering, I have to clean street drains myself. I do not agree to pay extra stormwater drainage charges.