

Motion Form

Council Name	City of Parramatta Council
Motion Category (highlight one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic• Infrastructure• Planning• Environment• Social & Community• Governance• Accountability
Motion Title	Increasing the Stormwater Management Service Charge
Proposed by	Cr Kellie Darley

Motion Wording:

That Local Government NSW advocates to the State Government to increase the Stormwater Management Service Charge that has been capped since its introduction, and apply an appropriate annual indexation linked to Council's rate peg value. The stormwater management service charge should be increased in the 2024/25 financial year to commence at;

- \$30 per residential lot;
- \$18.50 per strata lot; or,
- \$30 per 350 m² of commercial / industrial lot or part thereof.

Motion Background (maximum 1 or 2 paragraphs):

In 2005 The Local Government Act 1993 was amended to allow councils to levy a stormwater management service charge to improve stormwater management.

Amendments to the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, came into force in April 2006, provide the requirements for this charge. The objective was to develop sustainable funding to support local government's key role in the management of stormwater.

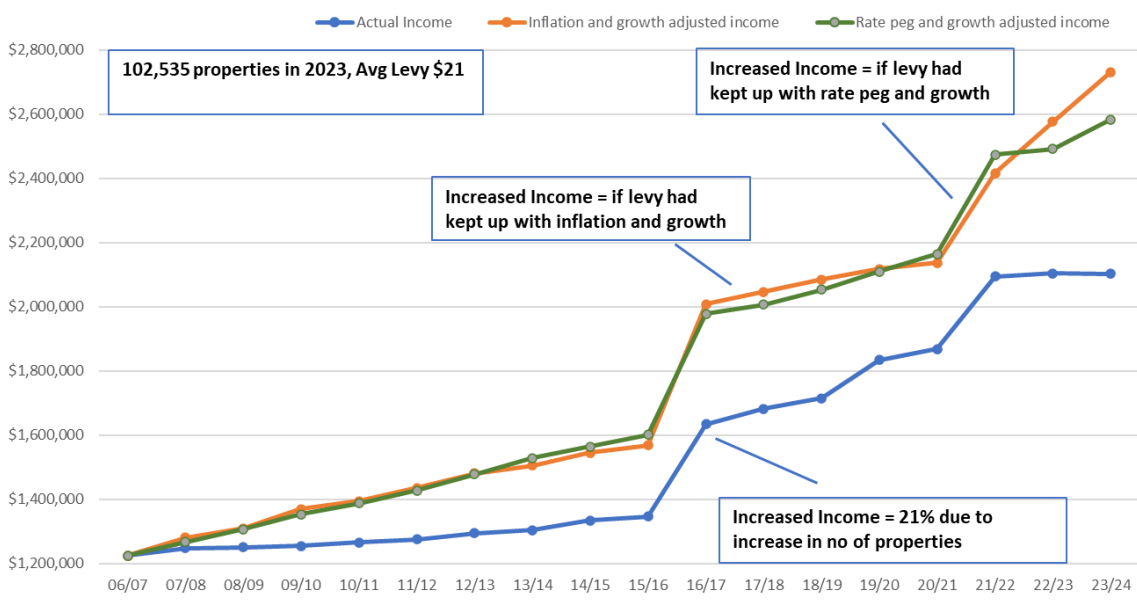
Stormwater management is managing the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff from a catchment with the aim of; minimising impacts on aquatic ecosystems; minimising flooding; and using stormwater as a resource. Since its introduction the annual stormwater management service charge has been capped at:

- \$25 per residential lot;
- \$12.50 per strata lot; or,
- \$25 per 350 m² of commercial / industrial lot or part thereof.

With increased densification and decrease in catchment permeability, plus greater focus on improving the health of our waterways, Councils are facing higher costs to manage stormwater. However, the revenue collected from the stormwater management service charge is not keeping pace with increasing construction and management costs.

To highlight the impact of the cap for 17 years on revenue collected by Councils, below is a graph of Actual Levy Income Vs Inflation and Growth Adjusted Income Vs Rate Peg and Growth Adjusted Income for City of Parramatta Council.

Stormwater Levy City of Parramatta Council



102,535 properties in 2023, Avg Levy \$21

Increased Income = if levy had kept up with rate peg and growth

Increased Income = if levy had kept up with inflation and growth

Increased Income = 21% due to increase in no of properties