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Subject: Fees

Please accept this as my formal submission in relation to the proposed new council fees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

May I first congratulate council on trying to help small business however there are some proposed fee changes that will do the opposite.

The specific items that I am referring to are City Development Item Numbers 0890 through to 0899, Construction Certificate and Complying Development Certificate fees, and Building Inspection fees [see attached].

I am a Building Certifier and all the above fees are contestable fees where members of the public can use either Council or a private Building Certifier's services as the Accredited Certifier and/or the Principal Certifier for proposed new building works.

These fees are our livelihood and we are in no position to offer free services because we need to charge fees to put food on the table.

If council goes ahead with the above fee changes, you will run me out of business. How can this be legal?

We request that the above fees be removed from the proposed fee changes, and that Council continue with its present/previous fees charged for Item Numbers 0890 through to 0899 Construction Certificate and Complying Development Certificate fees, and Building Inspection fees.

Riverina Building Approvals