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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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The occurrence of historical development consents has a major impact on lands that are currently subject to what are referred to as "Zombie DA's".

The environmental values of today have been determined through the evolution of ecological knowledge, gained and developed in the light of new understandings, both scientific and societal, of the environment, climate change, contemporary values and value for the future.

The self-referral aspects of environmental and development legislation mitigate against outcomes that take into account current environmental values in the current context.

We have learned so much regarding environmental conversation values in recent years that mean that environmental values that were the norm in the past are no longer of any value in maintaining a healthy ecology.

The laws must be changed to meet the standards that today we accept as necessary to protect the environment.