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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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As a local resident of a community ravaged by Black Summer Fires and multiple East Coast Lows, I know how important it is that plans to develop land are considered in the context of the time and the current conditions the land is developed. "Zombie" DA's are the curse of our community. In 20 or more years, the value of remnant bush and forest has increased as it becomes more rare. Risks of fire and flood have increased as our climate heats up. The need for new housing is real. However, developments in coastal areas like mine are frequently for luxury holiday blocks, left empty week after week. Recently, a zombie DA felled trees that were known nesting sites for the gang gang cockatoo, a much enjoyed and endangered species. The birds lost their home for a luxury apartment block that does not provide local housing or add to local amenity. It is usually empty, so does not even add to the local economy. No one nests there now.

Please acknowledge the ground truthing of regional people and prioritise our voices over those who think only of profit and personal gain.