

## **HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW**

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Having observed the damage and anguish to the community and environment of historical development approvals in South West Rocks, where my family live, I wrote to our current NSW government once elected to urge action on this issue.

Coastal communities and others in the state have been negatively impacted by these developments since the recent rise of property values. The criteria for proceeding is clearly:

1. not in line with current acceptable guidelines on a number of levels
2. not requiring adequate cause ie by having made inconsequential progress

So significant damage that would not now be allowed is being done to the environment and local communities in the name of 'historical approval'

Councils and ratepayers are and will unfairly bear the brunt of the cost of this outdated legislation.

Therefore clearly these regulations require urgent review and amendment.