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## **HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW**

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Dear Committee Members'  
Committee on Environment and Planning  
NSW Legislative Assembly,

As a concerned community member living in the beautiful Jervis Bay, I am writing to express my concern about the current state of Zombie development approvals. In our area we have already witnessed inappropriate developments progressing years after initial approval - and ones that are incompatible with current knowledge about environmental protection. They would not be approved today.

My primary concerns are:

1. The area is a beautiful one, build on the edges of pristine marine reserve and surrounded by parkland. It is essential that this landscape be preserved. There has already been significant development and any future building needs to be sympathetic to this environment in which it is built.
2. We now have a much greater understanding of the preciousness of our environment and the need to preserve fragile eco systems. Any current developments need to taking account of this and have to comply with current standards and guidelines - not those that were development many years ago.
3. Climate change has added to the hazards we are dealing with and erosion, storms and large scale rain events are adding to the fragility of the environment.
4. More animals and birds are being listed as vulnerable and any building developments must take account of this..

I ask that you take account of these factors as you undertake the important work of reviewing current legislation, the impacts on the planning system and take action to address concerns about historical consents and the develop policies that take account of the fragile environment in which we work.

I thank you for your efforts in this regard.