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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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As a concerned citizen who lives in Tura Beach close to the "Zombie development" between Tura Beach and Mirador on the Far South coast of NSW I am writing to urge the Committee on Environment & Planning to do everything possible to save this beautiful and important nature corridor. This corridor is of critical importance to our local native flora and fauna which is under so much pressure from development. We are losing far too much important habitat and as a society we must stop this wholesale destruction. As a community we know these zombie developments would not be passed and accepted today. This development was approved 30 years ago and cannot be allowed to stand. The development process in NSW planning legislation is widely acknowledged as flawed. The process currently allows unconscionable development projects to resurface decades after their original approval In Tura's case the approval for clear-felling the patch was given in the 1980s and this approval remains valid under the laws in place at the time, meaning the species and ecosystems which now rely on the remnant nature corridor are not protected by any modern nature laws.