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## **HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW**

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I am happy to see that the NSW State Parliament is conducting an inquiry into historical development consents. That State Government steps up and takes a lead in developing and amending new planning legislation is essential to the prosperous and sustainable development of NSW on many levels. This responsibility can not simply be left to individuals or Local Governments and it is long overdue that changes be made to legislation to protect our environment from destructive housing developments. The current situation where historical or 'Zombie' development applications can only be assessed under the legislation that was relevant at the time they were submitted means we are allowing our future housing to be constructed in ways that do not comply in many instances with current environmental law and protections, and certainly do not meet the community and global expectations to plan and develop in ways that can best minimise the damage being done by climate change.

I fully support the far more detailed submission to Parliament made by Manyana Matters Environmental Association and the recommendations they outline on page 6 of their submission.

As one of the wealthiest places in the world and one fortunate to encompass precious forests, waterways and wilderness which provides habitats to not only humans but all fauna and flora, much of which is in rapid decline and significant proportions facing extinction, the time is now to implement a moratorium on these historical development consents and make the changes that are necessary for our future survival.