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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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Zombie DA, by default are land banking. Given the changes in legislation and community expectations these DAs favour developers who can legally proceed with what are unconscionable developments.

The case of Clarence Properties' Wallum Estate' is a classic case. Approved years ago, this site was part of bigger picture of the Bayside Brunswick Development. It is on rare wet coastal heath land.

Since approval, the relevant legislative changes applied to the site have identified multiple Threatened and Endangered Species of flora and fauna. All of this is put aside by Clarence Properties who are resolute to develop what is a unique ecosystem.

The 'Save Wallum' campaign, led by academics and those qualified in environmental sciences, have run the most educative campaign identifying, explaining and providing substantive evidence of the natural ecosystem at this site..

Clarence Properties' 'compromise' position is reprehensible. There is ample evidence they have NO understanding of the habitat needs of either the Wallum froglet or the Glossy Black Cuckatoos. Their 'offsets' includes land that cannot be used as 'offset'.

There is an URGENT need for a moratorium on the Wallum Estate at Bayside Brunswick NOW.

I would confidently say that similar is happening elsewhere and known to communities that are fighting for these Zombie Developments to be brought in line with community expectation and current legislation.