

**Submission
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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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I'm writing to endorse Manayana Matter's Environmental Association's submission to NSW Legislative Assembly Committee on Environment and Planning: Inquiry into Historical Development Consents.

In the wake of the Black Summer of 2019/20, the worst bushfires in Australia's recorded history, I am horrified to find that even though this forest was practically the last intact bushland in the area, legislation did not provide for stopping, or even stalling, this Zombie DA. It is only thanks to the tireless work of Manyana Matters and our supporters that the forest is still standing and that this project is presently a Controlled Action under the Federal EPBC Act.

There are at least 68 threatened bird and animal species known to inhabit the village bushlands. Notably, the forests of the area are suitable habitat for the Greater Glider, which was once regularly seen in the Manyana forest. It is increasingly evident that Zombie DAs and planning decisions are threatening sensitive ecosystems across the state and they must be stopped. I agree wholeheartedly with the MMEA recommendations.