

**Submission  
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## **HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW**

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My submission is calling for an immediate moratorium on all Zombie DA's in NSW and retrospective cancellation on all Zombie DA's that are threatening Biodiversity destruction of local, state and federal extinction of flora and fauna.

I live in Bayside, Brunswick Heads across the road from the approved DA by Clarence Property for the Wallum Estate of Brunswick Heads.

This biodiverse wonderland houses many endangered plant communities and is habitat to 9 endangered and threatened species. The developer calls this development Wallum, the name of the ecosystem it will destroy, while in its ecology reports for this approved zombie DA calls it degraded pasture.

Approved during covid with little to no community consultation. While hundreds of the Bayside community was fighting an inappropriate boarding house development on the first piece of Wallum that was sold off this development was slipped through. Had the community known this was happening it would have been fought and never approved.

It does not meet today's contemporary environmental standards and using flawed ecological and cultural reports has been approved. This is a wetland. It is part of the last 1% of Wallum Heathland left Brunswick Heads. Brunswick Heads relies on this 30 hectare wetland as the kidneys and lungs to keep our River Water safe for all that rely on it.

This is last Wallum Heath in our shire that is home to many Culturally significant medicine plants. The ancient pre colonial Scar trees on this land should be enough to protect it. The pathways of the Bundjalung Nations all have deep cultural roots in this small piece of land due to specific medicine plants and habitat for many tribes Totemic animals.

The developer had told the community no fill would be used on this development. We know now that at least 1 metre of fill is planned to fill this wetland.

The same thing that happened in our South Golden, and New Brighton Beach Communities. Wetlands filled in the name of housing. Both of these communities flood every wet season. Many homes are still not repaired from the last huge floods of the Northern Rivers 2 years ago. My home is in the direct line of where the water will flow once this development is approved. We have never flooded here in Bayside but once the fill comes into our Wallum Wetland the water from future rain events will cause flood events into our homes. The same Ecologist who warned of this happening in South Golden and New Brighton Beach communities have been clear on this again. Are you to ignore the Science again.

Hundreds of local community members have been blockading this site that Clarence Property have government permission to destroy since the 8th of February 2024. I personally quit my job in September of 2024 for what I thought might be a month. My partner and I decided together that it was important to show our 15 year old daughter that it was important to fight for what was right even if you may lose. Especially at this time of climate disaster's and the horrific floods the whole of the north coast went through. We have now been living on a single wage in our household for 9 months as the swell of community support has grown this campaign daily to the thousands. We have struggled with mortgage rate rises and cost of living but this land is too important to our First Nations people and the rest of our community to lay down. I should not be in a position to be protecting the environment or earning a living to ease the financial strain on

my family. While our government of the day continues to allow destruction of our Biodiversity that we all depend on for life.

Please call for an immediate moratorium on all Zombie DA's.

Please Save Wallum and all of its important Biodiversity for the future of us all

Walk softly on this land

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