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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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In reference to Historically Approved Consents, colloquially known as "Zombie DAs", I am calling for an urgently and immediately enact a Moratorium on all such Consents throughout New South Wales.

I understand that enacting a Moratorium is within the powers of the State Environmental Planning Policy for an Historical Approval Review of Development (HARD SEPP). It seems that New South Wales is now the only Australian State or Territory to allow Historically Approved Consents ongoing validity.

I understand the NSW Legislative Assembly Committee has already instituted an Inquiry into Historically Approved Consents, for which I am grateful. This is an important step and to be commended. It is appropriate for a Moratorium to be enacted until the Committee is able to present findings and recommendations in order to prevent environmental destruction that is unacceptable today. We need retain the remaining biodiversity that we have in this region. Already so much has been lost.