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## **INQUIRY INTO NEW SOUTH WALES PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

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Dear Sir

The NSW Nature Conservation Council has represented the environment in NSW since 1955. We are the peak organisation for community based environment groups in NSW.

We make this brief submission to the Inquiry and request that the Committee accept a further supplementary submission.

The NCC made submission to the Department of Planning on the proposed planning reforms in 2007.

The NCC is concerned in particular about;

- the use of the Major Projects SEPP to create State Significant Sites
- the use of Part 3A for increasing numbers of projects and the intention to speed up decisions made under the Part 3A provision.
- The proposal to change plan making (rezoning) via the introduction of Joint Regional Panels.
- The development of historical paper subdivisions
- The complying development SEPPs
- The review of developer contributions

The NCC wishes to point out to the Inquiry that of the above components of the planning reforms the Complying Development Housing Code (for lots of 600m<sup>2</sup>) has only just come into force in February 2009 and its effects, both positive and negative, are as yet unknown.

Of the following aspects of the reform agenda; the development of paper subdivisions, the formation and manner of operation of Joint Regional Panels, the review of development contributions; none have as yet been implemented.

Consequently it seems to the NCC that it would be more productive to be able to make a late submission when more data is available on the emerging trends resulting from the changes.

NCC therefore request the Inquiry committee accept a late submissions, by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, from the NCC which will be better informed on the progress and impact of the planning reforms.

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