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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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**To The Hon. Robert Brown.
Coal Seam Gas Enquiry,
Parliament House.
Sydney, NSW.**

Dear Robert,

Debora and I are passionate about the environment and own a property at Coorabell (Byron Bay hinterland) where we are growing native trees for sustainable timber production and regeneration of the rainforest.

Our property is presently zoned Scenic Escarpment 7C and will soon be rezoned as Environmental Conservation E2 and Environmental Management E3.

We are very excited and willing to protect and manage this environmentally sensitive area which has a high ecological, scientific, cultural and aesthetic value to present and future generations.

The escarpment on our property supplies the water needs to properties below at Myocum and feeds the creeks that run all the way to Byron Bay.

The ridge and escarpment are geologically hazardous zones were inappropriate development will cause soil erosion and major land slippage.

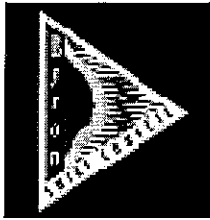
We have now been presented with a letter of demand from a mining consultant company called "Hummingbird" (how a mining company can label itself with a beautiful bird of nature is beyond me), telling us that they will be cutting and building roads, setting up portable buildings, flood lights for night work, drilling rigs will be set up and all that is necessary for pre-production works to set up an industrial gas extraction plant followed by I assume a pipe line out of our property.

They will destroy the natural environment, pollute our water, they will kill the native flora and fauna for what! such a greedy short term financial gain using up yet another non-renewable natural resource.

Please help stop the rape of our environment.

Yours Faithfully

Thomas McHugh & Debora McHugh

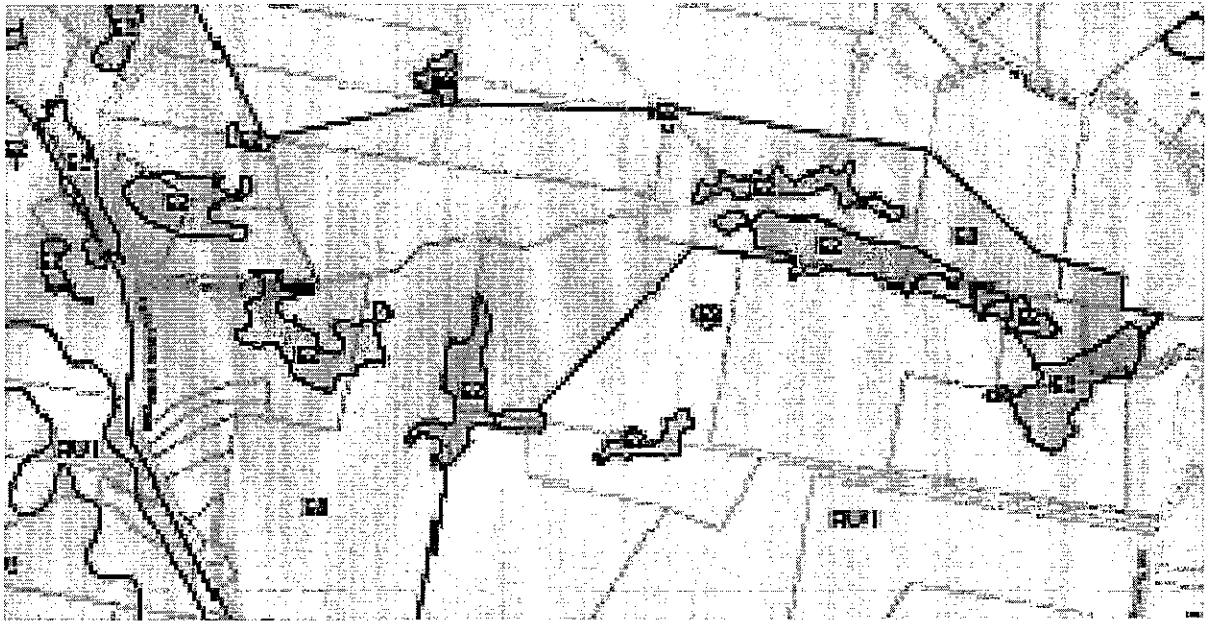
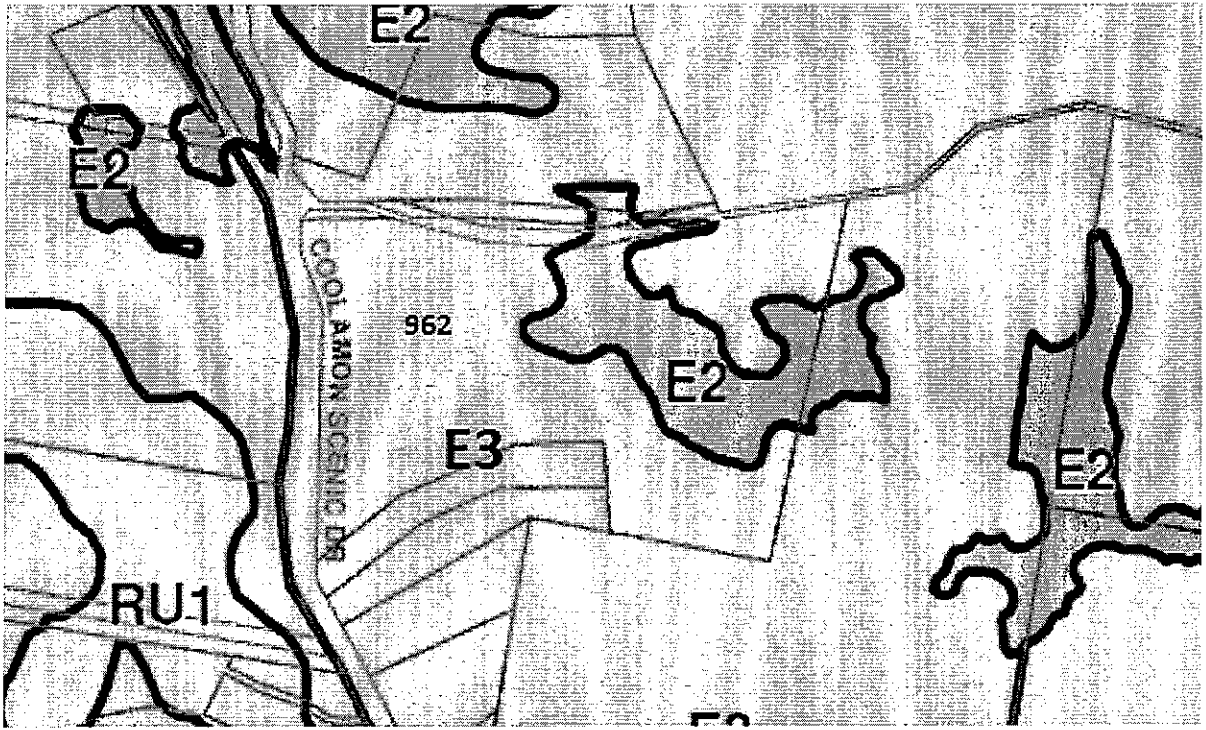


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Land Zoning Map - Sheet LZN_007

Zone

- B1** Neighbourhood Centre
- B2** Local Centre
- B4** Mixed Use
- B7** Business Park
- E1** National Parks and Nature Reserves
- E2** Environmental Conservation
- E3** Environmental Management
- E4** Environmental Living
- IN1** General Industrial
- IN2** Light Industrial
- R2** Low Density Residential
- R3** Medium Density Residential
- R5** Large Lot Residential
- RE1** Public Recreation
- RE2** Private Recreation
- RU1** Primary Production
- RU2** Rural Landscape
- RU5** Village
- SP1** Special Activities
- SP2** Infrastructure
- SP3** Tourist
- W1** Natural Waterways
- W2** Recreational Waterways



Zone E2 Environmental Conservation

1 Objectives of zone

- To protect, manage and restore areas of high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.
- To prevent development that could destroy, damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on those values.
- To identify and protect environmentally sensitive coastal land and land likely to be influenced by coastal processes for present and future generations through the implementation of the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- To prevent inappropriate development that would be adversely affected by, or that would adversely affect, coastal processes.

2 Permitted without consent

Home occupations; Environmental protection works.

3 Permitted with consent

Boat sheds; Dwelling-houses in accordance with clause 7.8, 7.25 or 7.26; Environmental facilities; Home business; Home-based child care; Recreation areas; Roads.

4 Prohibited

Business premises; Hotel or motel accommodation; Industries; Multi dwelling housing; Recreation facilities (major); Residential flat buildings; Restricted premises; Retail premises; Seniors housing; Service stations; Warehouse or distribution centres; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3.

Annexure 1(a)

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Zone E3 Environmental Management

1 Objectives of zone

- To protect, manage and restore areas with special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.
- To provide for a limited range of development that does not have an adverse effect on those values.
- To limit soil erosion from scenic escarpment areas and prevent inappropriate development in geologically hazardous zones.
- To encourage passive recreation, environmental education and an understanding of natural systems where these activities will not have a detrimental effect on land within the zone.

2 Permitted without consent

Extensive agriculture; Environmental protection works; Home-based child care; Home occupations.

3 Permitted with consent

Bed & breakfast accommodation; Boat launching ramps; Building identification sign; Business identification sign; Camping grounds; Community facilities; Dual occupancies (attached); Dwelling houses; Ecotourist facilities; Emergency services facilities; Environmental facilities; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Forestry; Flood mitigation works; Home business; Home industry; Horticulture; Jetties; Places of public worship; Public administration building; Recreation areas; Roads; Veterinary hospitals; Wharf or boating facilities.

4 Prohibited

Industries; Multi dwelling housing; Residential flat buildings; Retail premises; Seniors housing; Service stations; Warehouse or distribution centres; Any

other development not specified in item 2 or 3.