

Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS  
OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
COMMUNITIES**

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Dear Ms Sue Higginson and committee members, My submission concerns the progression of historical rezonings and Development Applications in the coastal area of Midcoast Council, especially Hallidays Point and Old Bar. I served on Greater Taree City Council for 14 years between 1994 and 2008. During that time Council was keen to accelerate more residential reZonings. Consequently, almost anyone who requested was approved. Many did not progress at that time., but were sold . The rezonings increased the value. Now I am witnessingthe destruction of much habitat, with the consequent dimunition of native fauna and flora. Our area has also been recently hit by severe floods and fires. One eample is 361 Blackhead Road, Hallidays Point. This is a link between Darawank and Khappinghat Reserves. Koalas, squirrrel gliders and other endangered animals and plants will be impacted. Please change the NSW E P and A Act in regard to eisting Development Applications, so that today's community values and environmental factors can be considered.