

**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 Committee Members.

Development in NSW is causing damage, injury and death to the natural world.

Huge removal of established trees , plants , dams,Silting of creeks, rivers and waterways due to overdevelopment.

Loss of wildlife corridors, more deaths and injuries on roads. Loss of food, shelter and water sources by overdevelopment.

Roads being forced on areas that don't need them destroying habitat and wildlife corridors.

Developers and big business with massive power and influence against Locals , Wildlife and Flora.

Loss of agricultural land which can provide food, shelter and reduce flooding.

Development in areas that are very flood prone that Council's have fought developers for years, now filling with dwellings.

And the elephant in the room is human population. Various Governments are not looking at the effect huge population increases are having on the natural world .

A few suggestions. Planning in NSW needs to get rid of the clear everything from the largest tree to the smallest blade of grass in development. Established trees and dams are a blessing making our areas cooler not hotter. Providing existing food, water and shelter for local wildlife.

Environmental reports should be independent and be paid by the Government not the developer. The Government can re-coup any costs by fees on the developer.

Green space / environmental areas in developments needs to flow / have wildlife corridors from one development to another. This is not happening.

NSW Government buildings and NSW Government infrastructure should be built by the Government not developers. Developers should not be allowed to built or lease in Government buildings such as the Department of Planning building in Parramatta.

The Federal Government needs to better control the numbers of people to avoid natural catastrophies and fueling overdevelopment.

Corridors between developments and creeks , rivers and waterways should be at least 500metres either side from the edge of the waterway for wildlife movement and to reduce / stop soil washing into waterways. Flora and Fauna must be protected from development in this area and cannot be removed or the land used by the developer for Asset Protection Zones. Stronger laws with harsh financial penalties ( Not a cost of doing business penalty) need to be put in place to stop the sliting of waterways.

Developments without infrastructure such as sewage( that doesn't mean endless sewage pump trucks operating for years should not be allowed.

Once developers have environmental approval for a development they are changing the density and increasing the quantity of housing. This should not be allowed.

Many country towns would like more people , infrastructure etc when is the NSW State Government going to look at encouraging development across the State not in the parcels of land that develpers own?

Landcom re-development in Airds / Bradbury has caused many Koalas and , Wildlife deaths and mature Koala trees to be bulldozed. They now have a development in Wilton a Koala hot spot. We are very worried that history will repeat itself . We cannot afford to lose Koalas in Wilton .

Thankyou.