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

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I endorse the submission made by HPCAG (appended) based on a review of legislative, environmental and community impacts of current developments planned.

Further to this, travels around South Australia, Southern Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania over the last 12 months shows large scale development is occurring in large areas.

Southern Queensland is facing enormous challenges but there are major infrastructure developments being undertaken and some developments have infrastructure incorporated, although signs are that this is not always consistent and sufficient to meet existing let alone future demand.

Developments are rolling out across Melbourne's fringes towards existing communities north and south east and west. In many cases major road developments are occurring in step with developments, with public transport at least planned and support services and infrastructure (schools, health and services) being co-developed).

Tasmania is more piecemeal and fragmented and infrastructure seems to be lagging behind developments.

South Australia is somewhat a mix between with some positive integrated developments.

In all cases, despite pockets of vegetation / green space, farmland and forests are being replaced by mostly small residential blocks, mostly totally consumed by housing (single, duplex, medium density) and a canopy of (dark??) roofs with minimal vegetation and a fauna of introduced species (birdlife largely a contest between starlings and Mynas). In our yard, the daily battle is between Catbirds, Regent and Satin Bower birds, Wattlebirds and a myriad of endemic native species that rely on a healthy natural environment.

In the case of our local community (and similar areas on the mid north coast), developments planned / commenced and rumoured (and potentially triggered through the zombie DA process), combines the worst of the development outcomes seen in other states / regions without any mitigation by infrastructure – transport and services. The locally road 'network' is struggling to be repaired at an existing level, public transport is negligible and like health services, in decline. The environment is being eroded with critical corridors being compromised and degraded. Safety of communities is being endangered as risks increase with mitigation problematic.

The history of poor outcomes in Australia has been due to ignorance (excuse), greed and stupidity (reasons). Today, there is no longer an excuse for poor outcomes.