

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

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My name is Peta Hanvey. I am a long-term resident of Dalmeny on the Far South Coast of NSW.

My concerns are for our beautiful seaside village and the large development with a proposed 600 plus homes, abutting our village. I believe the felling of 100 hectares of our bushland would have a disastrous effect on our environment and community! The role that this vastly wooded area plays is that it provides protection and buffeting from the enormous winds coming off the ocean across from Montague Island. The bushland also creates a cooling effect for our village on the hottest of days. This green space is valued by our residents and tourists alike. We have many endangered wildlife with the ambience of wallabies and numerous birds and all manner of species. The climatic conditions have changed enormously over the last couple of decades. We have experienced drought, then floods, and in 2019 and 2020, fires surrounded our town.

Mummaga Lake is situated below the proposed development area, Mummaga translates to mother, sister, and is sacred to the Walbunga people, it is still used today in ceremonies. The proposed 100-hectare development would have a direct impact on the integrity of the lake by storm water runoff and all pollutants would flow directly into the lake because of the position of the lake. The lake is also a place of recreation, fishing and is popular with both residents and tourists. It is a pristine area with many bird species, sting rays and fish living there.

Dalmeny is a picturesque little town with pristine waterways, including lakes, streams and our iconic Duck pond, which feeds directly to our beaches.

I believe the cumulative effect of past decisions needs to be reevaluated so that in the future planning laws account for more protection of untouched forest areas and community opinions. Emphasis should be on the suitability, health of our environment, aesthetic value, tourism and economic value. We have a large Oyster producing industry here in Narooma, which is four kilometres from us on the Wagonga inlet.

Planning laws need to be put under rigorous reevaluation and changed. All of which to be measured against the serious realities of Climate Change!