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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Lennox Head within the Ballina Shire Council. I am a member of the Australian Conservation Foundation. I am qualified and experienced in Conservation Land Management, Carbon Management, Sustainability and Sustainability Education. I am a ratepayer, a taxpayer and a passionate, vocal voter. I would like to express my support for EZones within the Ballina Shire LEP.

I strongly support the Review's endorsement of environmental zones and overlays in far north coast council Local Environment Plans. I endorse the Review's recommendation that Environment Protection Zones be expanded in Kyogle, Lismore, Ballina & Tweed Shires to include all environmentally sensitive areas not currently protected. I support the Review's endorsement of environmental overlays for buffers around estuaries, streams, wetlands, and rainforest. I endorse the Review's recommendation that guidelines be developed for the mapping of scenic amenity and that mapped areas be included as an environmental overlay.

I strongly object to downgrading of rainforest, old growth forest, wetlands, mangroves, riparian vegetation and 'rare, endangered and vulnerable ecosystems' from E2 to E3.

I strongly object to downgrading proposed E4 zones to residential zones.

I strongly object to removing all protection for wildlife corridors mapped by the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

I strongly object to allowing 'extensive agriculture' such as grazing, cropping and irrigated pasture within E2 zones.

I urge the Government to support the Review's recommendation that all land designated within an environment zone should be a priority area for the application of incentive based mechanisms, including financial incentives, rate rebates, management assistance, and local award schemes.

I urge the Government not to treat the residents of Far North Coast New South Wales with contempt. I am one of a **significant** majority of like-minded ratepayers, taxpayers and passionate, vocal voters.

We live in a modern communications era. Our example and influence transcends the Far North Coast of New South Wales.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Brown