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Dear Sir/Madam,

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Northern Council Ezone Review.
I am a Reserve Trust member and have been involved in protection of ridgelines and dwarf Gramminoid Heath areas of Byron Bay since 1990.

I wish to express my Support for:

1. The inclusion in far north coast council Local Environment Plans of ezones and overlays
2. The recommendation that ezones be expanded in Kyogle, Lismore, Ballina & Tweed Shires to include all environmentally sensitive areas not currently protected.
3. The recommendation that guidelines be developed for the mapping of scenic amenity and that mapped areas be included as an environmental overlay. This was a major issue in my campaign for the Paterson St ridgeline in Byron Bay. The successful outcome has resulted in a more attractive scenic quality devoid of bulky townhouse complexes along the ridgeline, as prescribed in BSC guidelines
4. The endorsement of buffers around estuaries, streams, wetlands, and rainforest.
5. The removal from E2 zones of cleared land subject to coastal hazards, including climate change effects. These should be placed in a new coastal hazard zone rather than becoming an overlay.

I wish to express an Objection to:

1. The downgrading of rainforest, old growth forest, wetlands, mangroves, riparian vegetation and 'rare, endangered and vulnerable ecosystems' from E2 to E3. These areas deserve highest protection
2. The downgrading of E4 zones to Residential zoning. Threatened species habitat must be protected. Our iconic Koala needs more than lip-service if it is to survive this century. Please give its habitat the required protection.
3. E2 zones must be protected from agricultural and mining pursuits which have a serious degrading effect
4. Endangered Ecological Communities protected from residential development in Byron Bay have become a core attraction of the Arakwal NP. These areas would have been lost without

strong community action. Their value and the value of similar areas must be acknowledged and reserved within the ezones and overlays.

5. Wildlife corridors as mapped by NPWS must be reserved and protected to maintain the integrity of natural links and systems

The review is an opportunity to manage our impact on our high quality North Coast environment. There are abundant opportunities for residential, agricultural and industrial activities in unconstrained areas.

I would urge your review process to acknowledge the value of past Community and Regional Councils work in evaluating protective zonings. Draft LEP's represent much scientifically based work, much community consultation and the expectations of local residents. This must be recognised and reflected in the outcomes of your Review

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Veda Turner