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## **Draft Changes to the Mining SEPP**

The Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society has been advocating for the environment since its inception in 1971. During that time we have lobbied through submissions and face to face meetings for the environment to take its place, together with social and economic issues, in all planning decisions taken, whether they be at local, State or Federal levels.

We lobbied very vigorously against the introduction of Clause 12AA when it was proposed as we felt that without a vibrant environment our society cannot exist and therefore the environment should require meaningful attention when developments are proposed.

We therefore support most strongly the removal of Clause 12AA from the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industry) Amendment (Significance of Resources) 2015 as proposed by the Minister for Planning, the Hon Rob Stokes.

We believe that ALL government legislation should include Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) principles as their overarching principle, and the removal of Clause 12AA will go a long way to achieving that goal.

The environmental/conservation movement has a large body of concerned community members and therefore represent the general concerns for the quality of our land, water and air which form the basis for a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle. They fear the consequences if the clause remains.

We support the repeal of Clause 12AA from the SEPP and ask that it be implemented as a matter of urgency to protect the environment from rapacious mining.

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