

Plan based on out of date information:

The use of out of date information in Figure 9 is misleading.

Gosford City Council's 2008 Biodiversity Management Policy is used as a basis for the natural environmental assets mapping, but there is no inclusion of the 2012 **gazetted** mapping of high value endangered ecosystems across the area.

Plan is biased in its representation of important competing industries:

There is no figure showing cultural assets, suggesting there is little, or it's not important. Maps of cultural assets should be included. They can exclude detail to safeguard sensitive sites. Without these, it is difficult for anyone following the regional plan to comprehend the extent and concentration of cultural assets.

The term "sustainability" is used incorrectly:

The term "sustainable" is misleading. It suggests destructive non-renewable extractive industry does not damage the environment. Sustainable farming and eco-tourism, yes. Sustainable extraction, NO.

Vision should include tourism:

Tourism must be included in the vision.

Tourism is one of the 5 biggest industries:

Tourism is bigger than "accommodation and food". It should replace these as a "top 5" industry.

Transport needs of tourism have been overlooked:

It talks about freight transport for industry. What about extending public transport West of the M1 for tourism (tourists and tourism employees).

Tourism is a productive landscapes use:

Should include eco-tourism as a productive landscape use alongside farming.

Quarrying is not productive, it is extractive and destructive. It removes and moves minerals. It does not produce them.

Figure 8: central coast mining is data used out of context and therefore misleading:

The sandstone resources (aquifer rock) in Calga is merely a map of all sandstone located close to the freeway within an hour of Sydney to minimise cost and maximise profits to quarry owners. The expert evidence lead in the Walkabout Park vs The Planning Minister (2015) shows that there is lots of valuable sand in NSW that is NOT shown on any Planning Department maps because it is further out and therefore less (although still) profitable for sand companies. Until these other equally valuable (to NSW if not to quarry owners) sand resources are evaluated, the Central Coast region's sandstone should not be targeted as a matter of policy.

Managing natural hazards and climate change risks:

There should be specific reference to all development applications requiring an assessment of the development's contribution to drought and bush fire.