



Director of Region
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Submission re current Draft plan for Central Coast.

As a family we are very dissapointed with the document.

1. There is no indication in the plan that the quality and quantity of water to support the predicted population has been addressed.

2. The plan emphasises the importance of resources in the region. The persuit, that is land ~~at~~ will continue to destroy our natural areas and chance to farm. The Central Coast's hope of achieving reasonable employment for our region!!

3. The waterfront, our region's greatest asset, ~~to~~ give our locals the space, healthy atmosphere and pride that we are entitled to is still a potential developement gold mine. The area's natural features to attract visitors just doesn't seem to matter.

4. Surely, to plan a region, let alone with increased population, the plan needs to start with a way to control waste ~~a~~ disposal?

More especially with our region with all the waterways and natural areas. Dumping in wetlands, on the mountain in creeks, as has been the way, just isnt acceptable planning.

5. Farming is allocated a tiny red mark. All people needs fresh local food, Poorer soils can be improved and be productive (in perpetuity) And is compatible with tourist visits from the big cities and the world.

Farming, by family operators, and visitors, has always been the region's safest, long term, option!!

Yet these things get little more than a passing mention!!

We who live here have been forced to endure our region's decline, as the valuable things like clean water and air, more ~~can~~ local employment, our natural waterways, parks and natural areas are mined out, dried out or developed over.

The planners need to step back and look at all the region has naturally, and then work to highlight these assets and plan how to support and benefit from what we have left and cannot replace.

Create a plan for the region, with its unique assets and limitations, with ample clean water and air, good local employment, waste management, ample health and education opportunity, also cultural experience and heritage and natural security.

All based on family farms and tourist visitors, as it always should have been for our Region.

Money/development is not the way for our region.

Do hope that at last it ~~is~~ can be seen that we have done more harm than good for generations. Don't try to make our region a resource industrial city. All ~~the above~~ ^{the above} is possible with the right plans.

Yours Truly