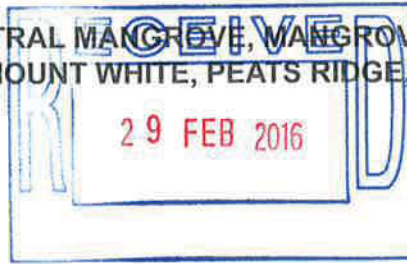


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Submission re Central Coast regional Plan. 2015.

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after attending briefing sessions, viewings and reading all available information we again discussed, with dismay, this latest attempt to assure us that our future is in safe hands and plans.

Note GOAL 1 direction 1-1. Create great places to live!! A great place to live was created before planners and 200 years of BAD planning or JUST GROW on developer demand has done a lot of damage. We couldn't see any serious way that this downhill slide is likely to be halted or reversed.

Some of our concerns include :-

1. The plan doesn't indicate how sufficient clean water can be available for increased population or existing people and environmental needs.
2. The plan doesn't place enough value on the regions two employment and sustainability options ie Family farms and tourist visitors.
3. What about the "right to farm" legislation? There is a VERY limited area of "Biophysical strategic agricultural land" identified in the plan!!
4. A big intrusion of mineral resources area stretches into the, traditionally insufficient, "surfaced ~~and~~ drinking water catchment!!
5. A huge area of the "Non urban rural area" is marked for mineral resources!!
6. The REALITY, that extractive industries destroy the lands and water for future farms or natural areas is just NOT considered.
7. Mineral extraction is ~~not~~ short term destruction of land and water availability. On the other hand, farming and tourist visits, properly planned and managed can be carried out indefinitely.

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PRESIDENT:

HON. SECRETARY:

Without ample clean water and hope of full employment, our region can't be sustainable. This plan doesn't offer any hope of either. The plan needs to address the nature of the region its assets, uniqueness and its limitations long term!! That is fresh local produce, ample clean water and air, ample employment and visitors to support our economy.

Alas, our region has proved that Development by developer demand is a disaster and NEVER worked. How about we work with what we have like waterways, difficult topography, water restriction, mini climates, big area of interesting natural areas, porous sandstone geology in the main, prone to torrential rain at times, close to citys for visitor trips, a mild climate prone to siltation. OK we can grow any food you name in quantity on the limited leveler areas.

The Central Coast has always been a great place to live but, not turn into urban sprawl or mine fields!!

Please go back the drawing board ^{and} build on what there is naturally not what what authorities/developers think we need.

Hon Sec.

P.S. What to you plan to do with the region's waste? Not continue to dump it in our Mountain creeks we hope!!

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