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Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Steven Kerry Zouroudis, I moved to Mangrove Mountain Nine years ago. I moved from the northern beaches of Sydney to enjoy a rural life style and to finally start building a Silver Perch farm. I am a Licensed Unrestricted Plumber working locally and in Sydney. I have studied Aquaculture and see Mangrove Mountain a fantastic suburb to build a farm as there is so much good quality water, it's altitude is perfect and being so close to Sydney makes it ideal as a huge cost to farmers is transport, I have contacted fish distributors and they are happy to pick up from my farm three times a week rather than being dumped a huge batch once a week like they are currently from Queensland. I love this area exactly as it is the huge attraction was the terms of Gosford Council's Rural 1A zoning. The wild life, rare plants like Native grasses, ferns, gymea lily's. Beautiful birds like flocks of Black Cockatoo's, Eagles, Whip Birds, And Finch's by the thousand's just to name a few is always breathtaking and makes you realise how good it is to be alive! I think these few points is why the local spirit up on the Mountain is amazing. I don't think minning and this special part of the world can coexist and in twenty yares time as the world and cities a more out of control we should stay exactly as we are today, I feel that the enviroment and the history should be preserved, so that my son can grow up in this pristine enviroment.

I support the following points:

- The draft Plan does not provide adequate protection for those areas of high environmental value. **The Plan must clearly specify how these areas will be protected and enhanced.**
- The Plan needs to ensure the **protection of water**, including both surface and groundwater ecosystems.
- The draft Plan **fails to resolve land use conflicts** (such as mining, agriculture, water supply) and defers important strategic planning and impact management to a later stage.
- The Plan should **rule out mining on the Central Coast** and this should be clearly articulated in the Plan.
- **All coal seam gas and long wall coal mining activities should be banned** in the Central Coast drinking water catchments.
- The requirement that any **development should have neutral or beneficial effect on the region's water quality must be established in law.**
- The Plan should require the implementation of an **Operating License for the Water Authority(s)** for the Central Coast to ensure environmental protection, transparency, accountability and a minimum standard of service for consumers.
- The draft Plan **fails to adequately plan for climate change adaptation and mitigation.** There should be more emphasis in the document on climate change risks as a constraint on development.
- I **strongly oppose any move by local Councils to develop a Regional Airport** on the Central Coast as it would negatively impact on community and social amenity and on environmentally sensitive land such as Porters Creek Wetland.

- The proposed Coordinating and Monitoring Committee should include **community input into the implementation of the Plan**. For example, community and environment groups should be identified as relevant supporting groups in this structure.
- The poor track record of both Gosford and Wyong councils in failing to adequately protect areas of high conservation value, habitat corridors and sensitive coastal environments is of concern. **Appropriate oversight is needed** to ensure that the relevant local councils protect the important environment and coastal values in accordance with the Plan.