

NSW Department of Planning and Environment

General Manager

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re Draft Central Coast Regional Plan

We object to the Central Coast Regional Plan and find it unacceptable for the following reasons:

1. The time frame for people to hear about and comment on the plan and consider the serious fallout is unreasonably short and the plan has been poorly publicised.
2. Agriculture is barely mentioned in spite of being a renewable and sustainable industry with comparable production value to extraction industries and a major provider of employment both directly and indirectly. Agriculture is directly threatened by the extractive industries both through land degradation and water depletion and pollution.
3. National Parks and State Forests are barely mentioned. They are a major sustainer of tourism in the region, indirectly supporting tourism support industries.
4. Tourism is not mentioned.
5. Water security is not properly considered. Apart from the extractive industries' use of water the potential harm to the aquifer could be catastrophic, by depletion and/or pollution.

These points are not an exhaustive list of the document's shortcomings.

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