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I fear that this regional plan concentrates too much on development and not enough on conservation. While I realise that if our population is expanding there must be some form of development to deal with the problem. However, we must make sure that the development is done in such a way that does not damage our ecology, our biodiversity, and our water and air quality. The Central Coast area is almost exactly half way between the Sydney metropolitan area and that of Newcastle. We must be very careful that we preserve as much of this unspoiled and fairly sparsely populated area and do not just create a giant Sydney to Newcastle metropolis. Both Sydney and Newcastle need the breathing space.

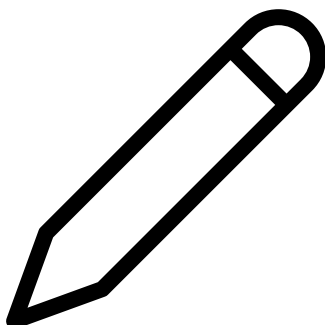
We must ban coal seam gas and coal mining from the area as it endangers our aquifers and our native flora and fauna. Coal mining is becoming redundant anyway.

If we do need industries to create jobs, it seems to me that it would be much wiser to support and encourage food producing agriculture. The growth of cities along our coastal strip only tends to reduce the limited land suitable for food production.

The lack of public transport is a real problem on the Central Coast.

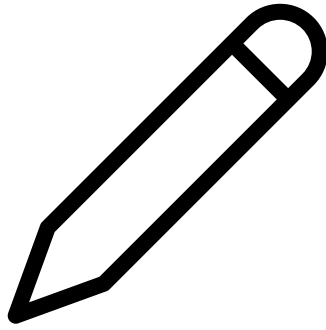
We do have the main rail corridor between Sydney and Newcastle but to get to the rail heads or the major commercial centres from the coastal areas is very difficult. There are some bus routes but they are few, indirect and very slow. Maybe a light rail network should be planned while there is still affordable land available to allow it.

Please preserve our foreshores, both coastal and inland. I would seem that whenever a developer sees an open space near a waterway they go mad and want to fill it full of buildings. Why do we have to destroy the Gosford foreshore with buildings, why not preserve these open spaces that define the Central Coast for what it is.

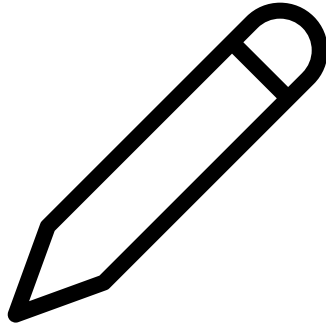


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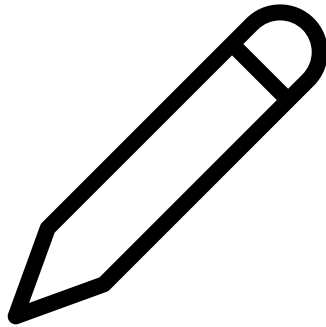
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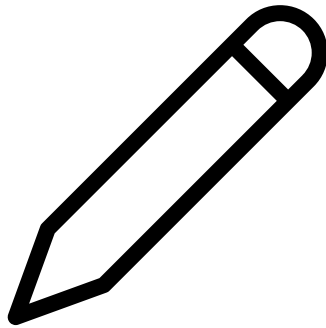
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