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Sir,

I will refer to the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan as "The Plan", because time, space and paper size limited.

This is a citizen's submission to "The Plan"

Complaints

1. Advertising of "The Plan" came very close to the closing date for submissions. "The Plan" is very complex, especially to the lay person, and requires many hours of reading and deliberation.
2. The "Mangrove Mountain & District Community News" is a fortnightly publication, and lacks "same-day" delivery. "The Plan" was printed in our paper on 19th February, 2016.
3. The supplied map of "The Plan" is very small, therefore important sites are difficult to locate, so we can^{not} determine how "The Plan" will affect our area.
4. A local library has limited "use-time" on their computers. It took us hours to find relevant information, and have it copied. (Not all of us have personal computers, or the time to use them.)
5. Roads in the Mangrove Mountain area are in a deplorable condition. Locally sourced aggregate should be used to construct roads to withstand the pounding^{of} heavily-laden trucks, before the resource is carted elsewhere.
6. Waste disposal, or alternate management of waste as a resource, are not included in "The Plan". With an increasing population, waste levels will rise. We cannot continue to dig holes, and stuff those holes with what is deemed of no further value!
7. I was on the Panel of the last major State Forest planning group. A large portion of McPherson State Forest is deemed culturally significant to our indigenous Australians. I know the reasons this area is not marked on maps, but "The Plan" should at least mention the existence of the site, and whether further expansion

of extraction areas will affect it.

7. Tourism and co-existence are not addressed in "The Plan". This part of the State of NSW has always attracted holiday makers, because of its proximity to Sydney, and its national parks, reserves and forests, as well as its beaches and rivers. Do not allow a resource "grab" to ruin our area!

Our Story

We live south of Waratah Road, Mangrove Mountain. Forty plus years ago we had to "fight" Gosford Council for permission to build a meagre cottage on our land because Worley Creek and its tributary (now known as Callicoma Creek) were catchment watercourses. We restricted the expansion of our chemical-free farming and erected stock-exclusion fences to protect Gosford's water resources. Now Gosford City Council want to rate our land as residential, because our enterprise is small!

I have copies of old surveys (Regional Plans) that recommended land along Waratah Road be "locked-up" for future extraction of aggregate. Land owners were to be discouraged from sub-dividing their properties. Somewhere along the way, minds were changed, or rules ignored, because many residents have built on smaller and smaller sub-divisions. For instance, where there was one farm and one home, there are now six houses. Yet, other landholders have resorted to permitting demountable homes to share high council rates.

When we first came to Mangrove Mountain, Warrie Warren Creek, a tributary of Mangrove Creek was a scenic wonderland. Bass inhabited deep waterholes shaded by diverse natural vegetation. Our children loved to walk to Warrie Warren Creek even after the extraction operation commenced at Kulnura Quarries. Then a heavy rain-event ruined everything. Our sons' High School projects were on the destruction of Warrie Warren. Their photographs show an environmental horror! We cannot bring ourselves to revisit the site since 9th

June, 2007, when over 410 ml fell overnight.

To our knowledge the operator of Kulnura Quarries were not reprimanded for inadequate retaining of run-off; nor suitable measures taken to prevent breaches of pondage on site. We would like to think "The Plan" will ensure extractive industries make allowances for weather inconsistency better than 1 in 100 years.

Councils allow environmentally sensitive areas to be sold on, and those allotments are destroyed by heavy applications of poultry litter; over-stocking, or repeated burning.

History repeats itself with the aid of human greed. We continue to plunder our resources. The Red Cedar (Toona ciliata) first came to the notice of European settlers in this area, but you are hard-pressed to find a naturally occurring adult cedar in this area now! Will the area's other resources suffer the same state of depletion.

Thank you for permitting me to submit my feelings about "The Plan". Please consider my comments?