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Dear sir

Trillion \$\$'s Question.

Is the government preparing for a mini ice age or ice age?

The draft Central Coast Regional Plan has recently been made available for public comment. The draft does not contain a glossary of terms. With the closure of the RTA office at Woy Woy, opposed by more than 15,000 residents, distrust of politicians and the government departments have intensified. Is the draft Central Coast Regional Plan transparent and accountable according to the public's standards?

ACTION:4.3.2 Plan for a changing climate, p57, is an example of underhanded tactics from the government.

Is the draft referring to monsoons, mini ice age, cyclones, El Nino, acid rain, droughts, solar winds or any other meteorological event or phenomenon?

Are climate scientists such as Tim Flannery hoodwinking the public and are all international climate change summits a scam and a junket for politicians and their advisors?

When is the next international summit scheduled to discuss "a changing climate"?

With this level of confusion within the Department you will need to clarify ACTION:4.3.2 at the beginning of every public presentation and discussion.

The comments on coal extraction Goal 3 indicate the lack of interest in climate change. Coal extraction will continue for 100 years.

Yours sincerely



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Draft Central Coast Regional Plan (Growth) Nov 2015

The comment on P53 re purchase of land on Bambara Rd Kariong is political electioneering!! Biodiversity has been traded-off for growth, similarly planning. Again the MKII document contains many disputable statements for the public to respond to the entire 'Plan'. This was my comment on the Discussion Paper Sept 2014.

Action: 4.32 Plan for climate change. (Refer Kyoto, Copenhagen, Paris.)

(a) Educate Scot Macdonald MLC and the Department's staff that 'a changing climate' is not climate change. Is the Department officially recognised as a climate change sceptic? Local environmental organisations recognised climate change as a scientific fact in the 1980's.

(b) Climate change is not limited to the natural environment, sea level rise and ocean acidification; more education is required,

(c) Include/add a section on climate change to Goals 1, 2 & 3.

Professor Ian Lowe has reiterated the urgency of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. This dire situation is not reported in the Plan, instead a misleading business-as-usual, halcyon days of growth plan is supported by the Department and supporting groups Fig 2.

Climate change is a serious issue for the public, not so for the government, politicians and the Department of Planning & Environment:

Comments on protecting the environment P53 are window dressing. Environmental areas are subject to development using the development strategy of biodiversity offsetting. The scale of Fig 9 shows that there is no environmental value on the Woy Woy Peninsula, as well as Gosford, Erina, Bateman Bay, The Entrance, Lake Haven, Toukley, with other areas to be added as a consequence of the Plan. The previous ecologically healthy Woy Woy-Umina sandplain is now a desert.

Why I am a planning sceptic and do not support the growth plan: A short list of examples -

- (a) Large marina in Gosford Harbour, with a large hotel and ancillary complexes on the surrounding shorelines. - AEECC Nov 1988
- (b) DA No 6609/99. Boat Harbour Marina/Tourist Development and Ferry Service - Dane Drive Gosford.
- (c) Gosford Challenge - Residential Infill of the Brisbane Water estuary supported by Gosford City Council May-2012
- (d) Mantra Resort at Ettalong Beach
- (e) Taj Mahal at Koolewong, approved as an Oyster Depuration Plant: 'Alternative Proposals on public exhibition May/June 1993
- (f) McDonalds Umina approved despite local character disparity acknowledged by GCC. Aug 2012:
All due to "a flexible regulatory environment" Pg.

What can the "180,000 people (56 percent) living within one kilometre of a lake or ocean and many of these areas are at increased risk from coastal erosion and inundation" expect in the future? P55

Action 4.1.1 Protect areas of high environmental value

"Strategic land use planning should identify and take account of the location and extent of these areas of 'high environmental value'.

Action: Replace 'should' with 'will'.

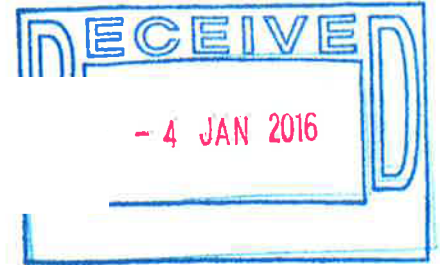
"This will ensure that, as far as possible, potential impacts on areas of high environmental value are considered 'upfront' at the strategic stage of the planning system."

Replace with. "This will ensure that ~~diversity~~ and areas of high environmental value are fully protected."

How is it possible to 'protect areas of high environmental value' through 'development' when... development is the reason for all environmental problems i.e. threatened species, habitat loss, fragmentation.



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Planning Corruption

18 December 2015

Dear sir

I have to ask is the Department going to release an amended and updated draft Central Coast Regional Plan following the approval of the Waterside project in Gosford that exceeds so erroneously described regulations by a overwhelming 210% *(two hundred and ten percent)*.

A 'flexible regulatory environment' is any GCC meeting agenda development item. If the process was regulatory there would be no requirement GCC staff to advise councillors of non compliance and the margin of error. The margin of error could be as high or even higher than 210%, as is the recently approved Waterside development unashamedly supported and condoned.

The Dept should be explaining in more detail why the inbuilt secret code of 210% is not a standout item in the DRP.

The DCCRP is at best a guide only with a "flexible regulatory environment" dominating. All the research associated with the draft plan has been undone with one decision.

The Dept has failed to provide assurance to the public with it's internal jargon. The term 'flexible regulatory environment' is an each way bet that only creates more confusion. According to several dictionaries the word 'regulate' has no relevance to flexibility, in fact it refers to control and abiding with standards: to adjust to accurate operation.

There is a coastal management plan on public exhibition. Protection of the coastline is based on hope only with variations of 210% and above expected in the future. Climate change, extreme storm events, sea level rise, ocean acidification and the unexpected will not be short term events. The governments commitment to regulations and set standards will be critical.

The Gosford Performing Arts Centre proposed for the Gosford waterfront is now a Gosford LGA project, due entirely to the absence of planning.

Yours sincerely