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Friends of Gosford Pty Ltd

Submission Central Coast Regional Plan

Our organisation is advised by a number of local professionals, with expertise in the Law " Town Planning " Architecture and Engineering, they like myself are passionate about the Central Coast and its future.
Introduction

The Vision statement on Page 9 should include the following:

"An excellent quality of life based upon minimum population growth, ecologically sustainable development, the provision and maintenance of effective services and the creation of new employment opportunities." Quality of life must be a prime objective in any future vision planning for Gosford and the Central Coast. Development must be in accord with ecologically sustainable principles.

Yet state and Federal Governments continue to promote growth as the solution to our economic woes and unemployment without any scientific or rat China's President Jiang Zemin in 1997 said that overpopulation is driving people into poverty and ruining the environment.

If we don't manage and constrain our growth we will pay a high price no matter what infrastructure improvements we make.

Packing more and more people into the Central Coast is not going to solve our unemployment problem. It will aggravate it.

It won't ease our commuting problem. It will add to it.

It will not solve our traffic congestion. It will only make it worse.

We don't want to be squashed together " we want room to move, relax and enjoy a high quality of life.

We have a diverse area from the mountains to the sea.

The Central Coast has its own unpolluted water catchment area. It cannot rely on Sydney or the Hunter for its water supply. It has prime agriculture land which brings in according to page 4 of the draft plan \$150 million a year.

This should be boldly stated and protected by showing all land west of the M1 reserved for agriculture and preservation of our water supply.

As human beings we need food and water without, that we don't exist.

Mining map on page 46 related to mining should be deleted and all mining leases should be revoked.

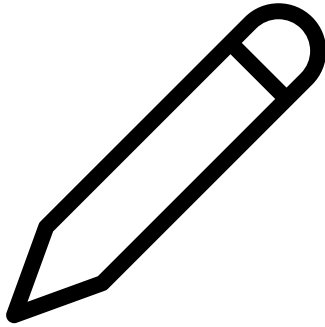
No mining should be permitted within prime agricultural land and water catchment areas. The Central Coast is a prime example of both.

Future development must complement The Central Coasts natural setting, beaches, waterfront, bushland, mountains and valleys.

It's more than just economic factors that drive a successful community. It's about what binds a community together. We can no longer accept a fragmented approach.

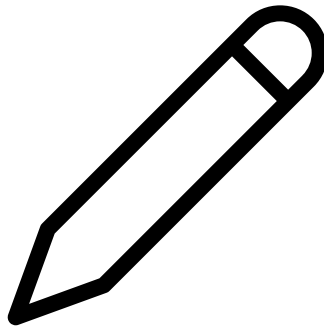
In looking forward to the year 2031 we, governments and the town planning profession, must encompass and develop thresholds and calculate population carrying capacities.
In this way the natural environment will be sustainable and preserved, and our quality of life enhanced not diminished.

Chairman

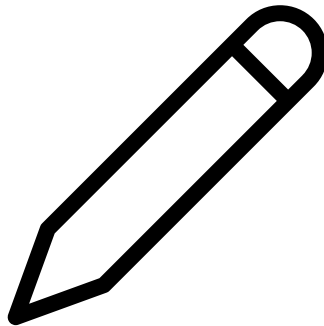


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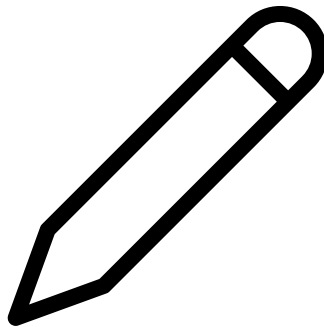
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