

Draft North Coast Regional Plan

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Dear Sir,        Re: Draft North Coast Regional Plan

I am a resident Of Valla – 327 Valla Rd , some 1.2 metres from the Valla Quarry. I view with disquiet the proposed activity on the hatched area –seeP.33 figure 7 North Coast Resources and Farmland.

This is a ‘residential village estate’, rated accordingly and expensively by the Nambucca Shire Council. The area contains many small holdings, some with rather expensive homes erected thereon. Some of the properties are deemed to be of state and regional farmland significance. There are various crops grown in the area and award winning macadamia farms and cattle properties all supplying income for the various landholders.

Whilst all this constitutes a busy and successful area, it is not the Ord River where one can pop in the odd mining activity.

The quarry operating at present in the middle of the hatched area has been a constant source of irritation and unfair activity endured by the unfortunate residents of this area for a considerable time.

To add to this I believe there has been granted an exploration licence within the hatched area for Hexagon Resources to search for molybdenum. Isn't Molybdenus the Greek word for LEAD? There has been enough disturbance now with various toxic metal dust thanks to the activity of the quarry.

With regard to Page 92 – Fig. 34 Urban Growth Area Map Proposed Employment area – the northern entrance to Nambucca Heads is such a zone and has had no improvements for the past forty years. There has now been some activity in the past few weeks to remedy the situation. A group of elderly residents did plant a line of trees and shrubs during the “Year of the tree”, this included their actually digging the holes for same. Not even this saved the overview of the place – it always looked like the entrance to “Struggle Town”. It would be a pity to repeat this history at Valla.

The southern entrance to Valla is now wedged under massive concrete pillars – ghastly. Does the purple area extend along Valla Road to the T junction with Deep Creek Rd? I hope this is not the case. Whilst this part of the road is rather low lying, it is still very rural and I would hope it will be retained as such.

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