

## Submission on Draft NSW SEPP

Dear Minister Stokes,

In 2012 the State Chief Scientist and Engineer, Mary O'Kane, reported that 'evidence based data' be used for policy making. Based on this advice the NSW Liberal govt abolished the previous Labour Party policy that was based on IPCC computer projections. We are all aware that Fort Denison provides one of the most accurate and long running sea level records in the world. Fort Denison's "evidence based data" shows that sea levels have risen at less than 1mm/yr and has slowed or even stopped in the last 20 years. This "evidence based data" does not figure anywhere in the draft SEPP. The mapping promised by the State Government should have been based on this data for the whole NSW coastline, except where councils could prove otherwise using evidence. However, the mapping instead allows local councils to produce their own vulnerability zones based on the **same** IPCC computer projections that the **same** Liberal government abolished in 2012. Our local council (Eurobodalla) has chosen to use worst case IPCC scenarios and have ignored reality and 'evidence' to end up with a 4m AHD Vulnerability zone? How can we be expected to make submissions to a SEPP that is so fundamentally flawed? Further, the section 117 direction by the Minister takes that matter out of the hands of our elected representatives and is totally undemocratic.

I am also appalled that the Minister and the Coastal Panel have endorsed expropriating land without compensation in Wharf Road Batemans Bay. This is the Planned Retreat that the Minister said did not apply to the SEPP and yet he is empowering the Eurobodalla Council to apply it for him. How can this SEPP be seen as anything but an Agenda 21 Land Grab? How can a Liberal Government allow the implementation of an openly socialist agenda? As Tony Abbott bluntly put it "Climate Science is CRAP", and the fact that the Liberals are now using it to implement a communist agenda says a lot about

how fundamentally disconnected the party has become from its voters! As a lifetime Liberal voter, I feel that the damage that has been done to the Liberal “brand” by the Greyhound debacle and now this SEPP has paved the way for an exodus of support to One Nation, who better represent liberal values. M.P.Dickson’s defection is just the tip of the iceberg

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