



**The Hon Brad Hazzard MP**  
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure  
Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure

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Mr Rik Hart  
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Dear Mr Hart

I am writing concerning the Oxford Falls Valley and Belrose North Strategic Review.

Additionally I request that all land identified in the Strategic Review as having “no-to-moderate” environmental development constraints and proposed to be an Environmental zone, be further reviewed to validate the environmental significance of the land. The subject land will continue to remain deferred until such time that further evidence based planning is undertaken.

Yours sincerely

**THE HON BRAD HAZZARD MP**  
Minister

17 MAR 2014

**The land that is of “no-to-moderate”  
environmental value is our member’s land**

**WUFA agrees with Brad Hazzard**



# Pru Goward MP

Minister for Planning  
Minister for Women

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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Wednesday 14 May 2014

### **BETTER BALANCING OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FARMING INTERESTS ON THE NORTH COAST**

The NSW Government has today continued its work to balance the needs of environmental protection and farming on the North Coast, with the release of the first findings of an independent report into the use of environmental planning in the fast-growing region.

“Smart planning needs to be backed by strong evidence – that’s the principle behind these draft recommendations.

“That’s why we are working with councils to ensure that every decision they make in this regard is backed by strong evidence.”

The NSW Government has given in-principle support to some of the report’s interim recommendations, including:

- Setting clear criteria for environmental zones known as E2 and E3 to ensure that these zonings are based on strong evidence
- Removing the proposed environmental zones from Kyogle Shire Council’s local plan until proper evidence is provided
- Replacing the proposed environmental living zone in Byron Shire known as E4 with a more appropriate residential zone.

“The draft recommendations will now go on exhibition. Feedback from stakeholders will inform the Government’s decision, and a Direction will be issued to guide councils on the specific criteria to use when deciding to apply an environmental zone,” Ms Goward said.

Decisions on land being considered for environmental zoning have been deferred as local environmental plans are finalised.

**WUFA agrees with Pru Goward**



# MINUTES

## **WARRINGAH DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL MEETING**

held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014**

### **RECOMMENDATION OF WARRINGAH DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANEL**

Reluctantly, WDAP unanimously recommends to the Councillors of Warringah that they do not proceed with approval of a Gateway approach for this Planning Proposal at the present time and that, instead, they commence immediately to implement stage 2, undertaking the detailed work required to finally decide on the values of the deferred lands and their relevance for an environmental (or other) zoning in the LGA of Warringah

## **WUFA agrees with WDAP**



Office of the Secretary

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Dear Mr Hart

There is sufficient evidence to implement the findings of the Strategic Review by translating the existing character-based controls into zones in the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011. I consider that this is an appropriate way forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marcus Ray'.

Marcus Ray  
Acting Deputy Secretary  
Planning Services

23/01/15

**How did things go from “needing further evidence” (Brad Hazzard) and “Smart planning needs to be backed by strong evidence” (Pru Goward) to now having “sufficient evidence” when no further investigations have been done?**

**This is not evidence based planning!!!**



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## What does WUFA want?

- 1) The Department of Planning agree to engage a consultant to undertake the Stage 2 studies urgently.
- 2) All “deferred lands” remain deferred until the Stage 2 report is complete.

The above would follow the **unanimous** recommendation of WDAP and the Ministerial instruction issued by Brad Hazzard as Planning Minister.