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On the ground with historical development consents: Committee to visit the regions

Inquiry into historical development consents in NSW

The Legislative Assembly Committee on Environment and Planning will be conducting regional site visits along parts of the NSW coast, as part of the inquiry into historical development consents in New South Wales.

Also known as "zombie DAs", historical development consents are development projects which were approved years or sometimes decades ago but remain unfinished. Many of the 241 submissions received in the inquiry expressed concerns about historical development consents in their local communities.

'It is clear that there are a lot of passionate views shared by members of the local communities where these historical development consents are,' said Clayton Barr MP, Member for Cessnock and Committee Chair. 'The Committee believes it is important we visit these communities and speak with the stakeholders to get a better understanding of the issues relating to historical development consents generally.'

The Committee will be visiting the North Coast, Southeast and Illawarra regions of New South Wales, and will be travelling:

- from Ballina to Tweed Heads on 4 to 5 September 2024, and
- from Merimbula to Nowra on 9 to 10 September 2024.

As part of the regional visits, the Committee will be holding private roundtables with individual representatives from invited organisations such as the Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association, Friends of CRUNCH and the Manyana Matters Environmental Association. 'The Committee looks forward to speaking with representatives from the local communities who live near or are affected by historical development consents.'

The **Committee** will also be separately meeting with local councils, developers and local Aboriginal organisations during its regional visits.

Further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference and the submissions received, are available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

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