

Manyana Matters Environmental Association

Additional points

- The current law has BAD social, environmental and financial outcomes
 - Social – placing communities in danger from fire and flood risks
 - Environmental – threatens animal and plant species and ecological communities
 - Financial – under climate change, the costs to government will only increase where communities are affected by inappropriate developments in fire and flood zones
- The government has the levers to act, if you have the political will.
 - We have advice that this committee CAN make recommendations that the government use these levers and change legislation
 - Amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act should allow revoking of development consents in some circumstances, with limits on compensation.
- There is no greater **sovereign risk** than the biodiversity crisis and the extinction crisis – it will affect every aspect of our lives.
 - Retrospective changes are required when circumstances change. We know better now, and we need to act.
- Yes, give Council more powers to act, **but** these Zombies consents represent “**death by a thousand cuts**” and there needs to be State oversight
- There is a precedent to requiring owners of certain consents to declare them – we understand that this was done with quarries, where there was previously no consolidated record.