

**Submission
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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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I would like to make the following points.

We need to be more imaginative about ways of doing things. DAs from the past may not be fit for the present or the future and we need tools to address this.

Both 'old' land zoning (zones put in place in the 1960s), and zombie DAs are problematic because since these decisions:

1. there is a changed 'development shape' of the landscape/urban area
2. there is a changed understanding of the environment, and
3. new practices and guidelines and standards exist
4. there are changes that alter the hazards of the site
5. there are changes to threatened species ie MORE species listed as vulnerable and Australia has a level of extinction of species that suggests we might be able to do development more creatively and sensitively.