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Native Vegetation Regulation Review  
Conservation Policy and Strategy Section  
Office of Environment & Heritage  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident of Baulkham Hills and have recently retired from being Bush Regenerator (Cert IV Conservation & Land Management). During the 8 years I worked professionally, our main job was to conserve minute and isolated pockets of bushland in the Sydney Basin. The spread of housing and the developer hungry for a high return on his investment has caused this fragmentation.

It would be disastrous for the country, and the agriculturists as well, if this level of fragmentation was allowed to occur all over the State.

It is imperative with the onset of Climate Change that the Green Corridor be maintained and strengthened for the sake of the wildlife.

As the National Conservation Council of NSW points out:-

- Healthy, bio-diverse landscapes result in more productive agricultural systems. With the onset of climate change and its associated increase in extreme weather events and temperature fluctuations, conserving native vegetation will benefit biodiversity, farmers and the Australian economy into the future.

I also do not agree with land owners carrying out clearing without the advice and supervision of the Catchment Management Authorities. These bodies have the expertise, and the funding from the Australian Government (Caring For Country, and other schemes) to see the job is done properly.

Wetlands and swamplands have been proven to purify our water systems and should be maintained at all costs. Regular burning of vegetation in close proximity to these areas will result in major pollution or waterways.

Oppressive and out dated regulations no doubt have to be reviewed and changed, but, please, do not put any more pressure on our land than it can bear. All changes must benefit all people in the State, not just the Landholder.

Yours Faithfully

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