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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: STATE SIGNIFICANT SITE AND CONCEPT PLAN PROPOSAL MP10 0084
– GWANDALAN

I object to this proposal for the following reasons.

I came to Gwandalan in 1964 to visit my Aunt and Uncle who were camping near the old Post Office. My family fell in love with the district and my father bought a block of land that same day. So for the last 46 years I have been able to observe the vegetation on this site.

It was with shock that I found that the bush was going to be changed for ever. My family have defended this area previously and the Lake Macquarie Conservation area was formed with our assistance. I have always wanted the whole area, from the round-about to the Pacific Highway as National Park.

1. Trees removed from the Coal and Allied site which is subject to this proposal would be better kept and used as a carbon sink. (Biobanking)
2. There are two power stations in our area, Lake Munmorah coal and gas power and Vales Point coal power. The removal of these trees and underlying vegetation from this site will mean a lot of the pollution is not captured. There are many bush regeneration groups who plant trees each year to negate the carbon from these areas.
3. Crangan Bay is the last Lake Macquarie Bay without development nearby and has a good ecosystem which is healthy. The runoff water from streets and houses would damage this ecosystem. The sunlight would not be able to penetrate the lakes water and in doing so would kill the sea grasses that live in the bay. Also affected would be the green and loggerhead turtles that use the bay, not to mention all the other underwater animals that live in the sea grasses.

4. The seagrasses will also be damaged by extra boats which will anchor in this area as well as added pollution from petrol and oil spills.
5. The removal of the coastal plain scribbly gum woodland which protects the surrounds of the wetland would open up this area to wind and the trees that live in the wetland area will be damaged and possibly die.
6. The aboriginal sites along the lake edge will be disturbed and damaged by the increased use of the area. Also the mangroves at the far end of the site as they breathe through their air roots
7. The habitats for marsupials (possums; squirrel glider) and the powerful and masked owls will be lost.
8. The constant moving birds such as honeyeaters; pacific bassa bats and many other animals that use the woodland corridors to go from east to west and return across the lake, will have their food source removed.
9. The removal of the protected Angophora Inopina near Kanangra Drive and the possible loss of these extra trees because of the changed hydration and edge effects is of great concern.
10. The damage to the heath that lives under the Coastal Plains Scribbly Gum forest, the rare and endangered orchids and the protected Tetratheca juncea of which 34% of the total in Coal and Allied lands will be destroyed.

For all the above reasons and more I believe this project is not in the best interests of the community.

Yours faithfully,



Diane Rogers