

## **RED HEAD VILLAGES ASSOCIATION (Inc)**



North Bendalong, Bendalong, Berringer Lake, Cunjurong Point, Manyana

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**To the Honourable Sue Higginson MLC**

### **INQUIRY INTO THE PLANNING SYSTEM AND THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES**

The Red Head Villages Association RHVA is the Community Consultative Body (CCB) recognized by Shoalhaven City Council as the forum which represents issues and concerns for the communities of Cunjurong Point, Bendalong, North Bendalong, Berringer Lake, Manyana and the Nerringillah Valley.

Our primary role is to promote and protect the interests and well-being of local residents, and to preserve the unique natural environment and local heritage that make our villages such a special place to live, work and visit.

We consult with residents on the development of appropriate facilities and infrastructure and campaign on behalf of the community on key issues that impact us all. We also host community events and share information on matters of local interest.

The RHVA writes in support of the submission made to the Inquiry by the Manyana Matters Environmental Association, asking that the Inquiry consider changes to planning legislation that will protect coastal environments and communities from the increasing threats of climate change. These changes should include powers to reverse environmentally damaging development approvals not yet substantially or genuinely commenced and inappropriate zoning decisions.

The residents of the Red Head Villages lived through the trauma and loss of the Black Summer fires and understand first hand the potential damaging impacts of a changing climate on their lives.

Sincerely,

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President RHVA