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RE: DA2017/1274 - 52 Cabbage Tree Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104

I was born in Ballina. For decades have observed the destruction of the natural environment. My ancestors cut and burnt the 'Big Scrub'. My father remembers the below ground fires burning for weeks uncontrollably. He observed that the burnt ground lost most of its fertility.

As a child I collected plentiful oysters off Ballina rocks and dozens of huge flathead from the Richmond river. Early settlers were amazed at the bird life and Bundjalung people were able to catch dozens of animals in one organised animal drive into their extensive nets. The northern beaches were a land of plenty. They are not now, due to habitat loss. Fortunately some of our forbears have been wise enough to protect islands of habitat so help ensure that our amazing and unique flora and fauna do not disappear from the earth forever. It is well accepted that these 'islands' are more effective if they are connected. Please join these wise people and reject or design developments to accommodate our native flora and fauna. You have an important role to play in ensuring that these animals are not just remembered in anecdotes and specimens. Set a good example for environmentally sensitive development and stick with it. You will be appreciated then by generations to come.