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Councils need stick to roads, rates, and rubbish, especially given councils are not a legislated government under our Constitution.... Nevermind Councils actively cancelling Australia Day ceremonies for 500,000 increased annual immigration of new citizens yet refusing to rezone non-urban land for private owners towards certificate of currency/occupancy development. Councils, please do rezone non-urban blocks into environmental for lesser use by us small private land owners who've invested in your job and council local area's via our annual rates yet get no services nor allowed to camp more then 2 days at a time or more then 60 days a year... Yet charged and fined when asbestos and junk is dumped on our block. Too bad for the current homeless that could be living and paying a small rent in return for living on a non-urban bush block, growing veges, chooks and biodegradable composting. We dont care wether its the State Government or Midcoast Council, please rezone North Arm Cove, NSW, non-urban blocks for development asap, aka NAC, originally designed by Walter Burley Griffin to be Australia's capital city. "The question is why does anyone listen to councils? In 1988 we had a referendum asking the commonwealth population if we wanted to make councils a third tier of government..67% said no. Councils aren't a form a government they are corporations which is why they have ABN's; they have no claim to or over our land or money..."

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<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/national/queensland/concerned-council-gives-up-its-own-land-for-social-housing-20230718-p5dpa0.html> MidCoast Council, "Hunter Regional Plan 2041 that can meet our future housing needs. These identified sites are either rezoned or proposed to be rezoned. Council will continue to work with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to ensure we have opportunities to meet our housing needs. Key to meeting these housing needs is the completion of the new MidCoast planning controls, being the Local Environmental Plan, Development Control Plan and Contribution Plans. These plans are the identified priorities in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2023-24..." Yet North Arm Cove Non-urban landowners; strictly restricted in the use of our private land investment. We pay annual rates yet receive no services, and all other home owners who do receive decades of 'our' rates share of council maintenance and related services sets a double standard. Further, that one can buy land, for \$16,000 for 1/4 acre level cleared land, utilities and services on a sealed road access in many other rural areas defies any logic by council policy, or senior planners. Therefore council, state and Federal governments also solely responsible for ensuring utilities are implemented... We invested in a block of land to utilise; not to be seemingly caught up in an otherwise ponzi scheme. Finally, a reminder, that the price of exclusive use of land are RATES & TAXES.



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Re Developing Non-urban Owners Land so we can camp, build and create rentals and homes.

I am forwarding this councils power of example, not example of power; as a reminder to Federal and state governments, and especially MidCoast councils duty, responsibility and obligation to get with the program; and hope you will act to be seen to set the example not the exception.

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MidCoast Councils reply, "Hunter Regional Plan 2041 that can meet our future housing needs. These identified sites are either rezoned or proposed to be rezoned. Council will continue to work with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to ensure we have opportunities to meet our housing needs. Key to meeting these housing needs is the completion of the new MidCoast planning controls, being the Local Environmental Plan, Development Control Plan and Contribution Plans. These plans are the identified priorities in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2023-24..."

Yet North Arm Cove Non-urban landowners many bought in 1980's; all still strictly limited and restricted in the use of our private investment into land ownership.

Non-urban landowners need security in their investment in private land ownership purchases and accordingly our annual investment in local councils via annual rates, in these rural locations of choice for good reasons, that should not include our investing in a permanently zoned national park or heritage limited/listed conservation or green corridor area equivalent.

We have families and want to be able to utilise our land that we paid for in real property prices, yet can only camp no more then 2 days at a time and maximum of 60 days in a year; far less then any national park or state forests.

Like actual business owners, tourists and tenants in NAC who may dump personal or commercial waste, vehicles or asbestos on our privately owned yet deliberate prohibition to access our land regularly; that this is neither monitored nor addressed effectively by council to date yet deemed that non-urban landowners do do this; is beyond remit.

We pay annual rates yet recieve no services, and all other home owners who do recieve decades of 'our' rates share of council maintenance and related services sets a double standard.

Further, that one can purchase land, for approx \$16,000 for an 1/2 acre level cleared land with utilities and services on a sealed road access in many other rural areas defies any logic brought about by any councillors or Mid Coast Council policy, or senior planners set to allow otherwise.

Therefore council, state and Federal governments also responsible for ensuring utilities are implemented and costs by government and utility corporations responsibility needs be inclusive to raised immigration, public homelessness, etc, and our right to develop our land for physical and camping access and work towards supporting our ability to build as we can afford it, wether to house tenants or ourselves.

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While we are a diverse community group and would really appreciate your time to meet with our delegation; and discuss critical and relevant issues surrounding our privately owned properties in North Arm Cove at a time suitable to you.

Thank you for reading. We really appreciate your support.

I would really appreciate your courtesy email and telephone call to confirm, prior to your publishing and affirm my right accordingly.

Kind regards,

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Reply