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## Community Takes to the Trees to Save Wallum

With bulldozers and chainsaws around the corner of the [Wallum biodiversity hotspot](#), local residents have taken action to put their bodies in front of the impending destruction at the iconic coastal town of Brunswick Heads, near Byron Bay.

Peaceful Wallum protector Alyssa and her friend spent the night nestled high in an ancient Scribbly Gum on the proposed development site, listening to the acid frogs and abundant wildlife of the wetland sanctuary. Meanwhile the developers' private security firm were undertaking perimeter walks through the wee hours of the morning, shining spotlights into the tree throughout the night.

*"We forget that we are seeds, we are trees, we are nature. How we treat Mother Earth is a reflection of how we treat ourselves. So lets save, protect and nurture. Keep Wallum Wild",* Alyssa said from her treesit.

The importance of being on Country is reiterated by Traditional owner, Marjarmbi, a Githabul, Nararkwal, Minjangbul woman, of the Bundjalung language group. *"Deep moments of stillness and readiness to honour the important legacy, the water and the biodiversity has become vital to humanity"*

*"I am compelled by my blood to act. I am grounded, connected and waiting for the moment to stand for my country. This moment is about to arrive. Are you willing to stand with me?"* , said said

Clarence Property plans to build the highly controversial housing development at Wallum, a 'Zombie DA' legacy of NSW Planning law failures, the land is a flood-prone coastal wetland, that is home to 26 Threatened Species, and 3 Endangered Ecological Communities.

The development would see over 500 ecologically significant trees cut down, including 76 old-growth Scribbly Gums, providing food for Koalas and hollows needed for endangered species homes.

Community group Save Wallum spokesperson, Svea Pitman said this morning, *"We expect peaceful, community actions to continue at Wallum in Brunswick Heads until there is intervention at the Ministerial level to stop this ludicrous, ecological disaster of a development going ahead."*

*"We have over 5000 supporters and many willing to put themselves in front of the machines to save this place, so sadly it seems as all else has failed, we now have no choice but to engage in civil disobedience and NVDA to Save Wallum."*

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