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## Fullhouse for Save Wallum Public Meeting

Crowds flowed into the Mullumbimby Civic Centre last night for the [Save Wallum](#) Public Meeting. Hosted by the local community action group 'Save Wallum', everybody interested in protecting the 30Ha site at Brunswick Heads were invited to attend the meeting.

A cultural smoking ceremony welcomed attendees as they arrived at the Civic Hall and the local choir performed songs inspired by Wallum as guests were finding their seats.

Following a Welcome to Country and a beautiful introduction to Wallum from mob, comedian and Mullumbimby local Mandy Nolan MC'd the event which aimed to update the community on Wallum and inspire and invite people to use their skill to get involved.

The campaign which began 6 months ago, has gained significant media attention as the community has rallied to Save Wallum from a luxury housing estate which would result in the destruction of the last remaining Wallum ecosystem in the Byron Shire, a culturally significant site also home to threatened species and habitat for hundreds of diverse plants and animals.

*"We were elated to see the turn out tonight and so many more people offer their time and skills to support. We have held the 24/7 onsite vigil for over two months now, and in quite a unique context, as this rare coastal Wallum heathland here is right on the door steps of suburbia,"* said Save Wallum spokesperson Svea Pitman.

*"It's time to say enough is enough. Not only are there 24 threatened species on the site, including koalas, this is flood prone land! It's literally full of frogs right now after all the rains this week",* she continued.

*"The campaign has grown so rapidly, indeed we have become a movement. There is a current NSW government Inquiry into all NSW Zombie DAs, such as our Wallum. The fact the Inquiry has been launched clearly speaks to the understanding these historically approved DAs cannot continue."* Ms Pitman concluded.

Save Wallum is calling on NSW Planning Minister Scully for an immediate moratorium on all Zombie DAs until the NSW [Inquiry](#) into historically approved DAs has concluded and recommendations have been made.



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