CAPRICORN CONSERVATION COUNCIL
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year has been a turbulent one for the conservation movement in the Capricorn region. The exceptionally hard work of many volunteers has enabled our region to gain national prominence in the continuing efforts to preserve our natural heritage. The key issue has been the preservation of Mt. Etna but many other environmental concerns have also been addressed.

The very limited financial resources of the Council have again this year been used to support the tireless work of volunteers on special campaigns such as evidenced by the work of the Mt Etna committee. The maintaining of basic office facilities, the educational resourses used by the public and the community educational work of our coordinator have all been important yet often not fully appreciated aspects of the Council's work. Yet none of this would have been possible if not for the fact that our coordinator and regular office volunteers have worked long and hard with exceptional dedication in response to the extra demands placed on them this year.

The cooperation of the Council with other organisations in our region and beyond on issues has been a very rewarding one this year. Issues such as the Bayfield National Park Proposal and sandmining are ones where many groups and individuals must cooperate both locally, at the State and even National level. The degree of cooperation this year has been significant and is likely to grow in the future.

For the next year I hope some of the issues which conservationists have been working on for so many years, in particular Mt Etna, will finally be resolved to our satisfaction and other important issues will be addressed more fully. I also hope that the Conservation Council will be able to realise its desire to obtain new premises and shop front and acquire an increase in funding. However I mostly hope that more supporters will add their efforts to the continuing battles to preserve our natural environment for future generations.

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