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I have three concerns about the terms of reference.

- 1. Point 3.1.5 should be amended as follows: "A spatial map of areas that are already protected for environmental purposes, including public bushland reserves and Biobanking and Biodiversity Stewardship sites." Omitting the existing public bushland reserves from this dot point creates the risk that they will be omitted from the map and therefore slide out of consciousness. The existing public bushland reserves must be clearly identified as already protected and therefore not available for developers to claim as environmental offsets.
- 2. The terms of reference should require the committee to report on the results of its consultations with the public as to conservation priorities, both through well-publicized and open-ended community workshops and through well-publicized opportunities for informed online submissions on the part of individuals and organisations.
- 3. Point 2.c.ii appears to have been formulated on the assumption that the Western Sydney Airport will indeed be built. It is obviously essential that the conservation plan should take the proposed "aerotropolis" into consideration; however, it should also consider alternative scenarios, such as one in which the airport project is replaced with a project for a high-speed rail link with Canberra, Melbourne and elsewhere. Both government and the public need to understand the difference between what the best possible conservation plan could achieve were the aerotropolis project to go ahead, and what could be achieved if it were abandoned and replaced with a less destructive and ultimately life-threatening way of solving the perceived transportation problem.

I look forward to reading not only the final report, but also the consultation material that I trust will be made publicly available from time to time.

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