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The Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan being developed for Western Sydney. is to identify how any impacts to biodiversity from projected growth in Western Sydney will be addressed. The aim is to get a balance between delivering positive environmental outcomes and supporting appropriate development over the next 37 years.

Establishing Terms of Reference for the strategic assessment under the Commonwealth (EPBC Act) is an important first step.

1. However the draft Terms of Reference (sect 3.1.5) do not include public bushland reserves in their definition of already protected bushland, allowing public reserves to be used as offsets for developers.

In other words, developers will be able to use the public reserves that we (the rate payers) have already paid for as environmental offsets, so no additional land is being protected. Furthermore it will deny local farmers vital conservation funding to protect bushland on farms. This would be a lost opportunity as undoubtedly most farmers are excellent protectors of bushland and wildlife, and especially if there are financial incentives helping to keep their land viable.

Section 3.1.5 must be amended to include "public bushland reserves " in the definition of lands already protected

2. The draft Terms do not require the State Government to report on any public participation.

It is important that the public has the final say in planning our communities and the Terms of Reference must require a summary of conservation priorities as stated by local communities from face to face community workshops.

3. The draft Terms do not emphasise the need for 'like-for-like' offsetting. Generally the good, easy to develop country is being cleared and the marginal country is being used as offsets. This must change. Many of the most fertile ecosystems are particularly vital to endangered fauna such as the Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot. Old growth trees providing the bulk of nesting hollows to a region, such as those at Mt Gilead for example, are critical for all parrots in that area. Koalas too are very reliant on certain types of country, with High Sandstone Influence for example, adversely affecting fertility.

The Terms of Reference should prioritise delivery of 'like for like' offsetting and this should be stated in the Terms.

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