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From: Trevor Neal <jtn@netspace.net.au>
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I view this plan with absolute horror. As with most Govt plans these days, the title does not reflect the true nature or intent of the Plan.

It is quite clear this plan has got little to do with conserving the Cumberland Plain - in fact just the opposite!

First was the dumping of toxic waste (1980s) in Western Sydney, then the plan to to dump a nuclear waste facility in the area (2000s), then the attempt to dump an incinerator (2010s) in Western Sydney, then the dumping of a 24 hour airport in Western Sydney, then an Aeropocalypse and now - you plan to carve up, what little natural areas of the Cumberland Plain that still exist, so that even more urban development can take place.

I am sick to death of Western Sydney being the dumping ground for adverse developments that Inner Sydney does not want.

Western Sydney already has poor air quality where pollution is trapped by the geography of the Sydney Basin and the inversion layer that prevents pollution from being swept away. This has an adverse impact on health outcomes such as respiratory and heart disease. This situation will be compounded by a 24 hour airport with planes spewing out toxic exhaust emissions over the area.

Now you want to exacerbate this problem by bringing more people, more housing, more traffic and more pollution to Western and Southwestern Sydney. Additionally, the area does not have the luxury of receiving the cooling effect of coastal breezes and as such, experiences extremes of temperature in summer. A Western Sydney Airport will act as a huge 'heat sink' and more urban development will worsen the situation.

The NSW Govt is planning to raise the height of Warragamba Dam to moderate the potential flooding of the Camden, Mulgoa, Nepean and Hawkesbury Valleys. More urban urban development in the Cumberland Plain area will prevent natural soakage of rainfall, will produce more run-off and substantially increase the risk of flooding in these areas.

We need the Cumberland Plain to be preserved, both in terms of its agricultural potential and its environmental benefits to all of Sydney. The plan for further development of the area displays, either on an abandonment of responsibility, or on a poor understanding of the adverse impacts that will occur if the plan goes ahead.

I urge the Department and the NSW Government to abandon these proposals.

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