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Submission: I write with my personal interest in the koala section of the conservation plan. I feel one underpass under Appin Rd at Kings Falls Bridge is insufficient - from both an ecological and bushfire risk management perspective: - One connection reduces the chances of genetic mixing. - One connection can be cut off by bushfires along Georges River, and as the bushfire rises to Appin Rd will trap fauna against the fence or in the road corridor. Opening gates along Appin Rd allowing animals to escape into the road corridor will be a bad result as the road authority will want to reopen the road as soon as it is humanly safe, trapping fauna away from their home ranges, or in the road corridor leading to vehicle strike. I feel you should have a permanent fauna connections under bridges: - over Brian Rd intersection, with the local road with wide verges under Appin Rd providing an underpass opportunity with lower speed traffic (would need speed humps and koala grids on approach/departure of the local road to help manage driver behaviour to make it lower risk). This helps with the east-west desire line from Ousedale Creek without bringing them through the residential area in the village. It helps trucks leaving chicken farms to access Appin Rd more safely. - Mallety Creek could be reconnected east-west by building twin bridges with a low-level underpass to link the east-west corridor through this area. I feel these bridges need to be government funded to provide reconnection of desire lines in the shortest timeframe. Also i feel residential development next to the koala corridors to provide funding for the bridges is counter-effective: the bushland next to residential lands can become degraded, increases bushfire risks, and domestic pets will make the bushland connections inefficient... or contribute to further declines in populations. Perhaps some rural grazing land needs to be retained to maintain a buffer between housing developments and bushland connections to manage risks from domestic animals and bushfire. I hope the plan is front heavy with upgrading existing infrastructure (rather than waiting for redevelopment) to make quick gains now before the population declines through another drought/fire/disease. Remember that fauna fences are expensive to maintain long term.

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