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Submission: Major improvements and considerations need to be made. I have the following concerns: 1. More than 10% of the critically endangered Cumberland Plain woodland is set to be destroyed. This will have devastating impacts on our native flora and fauna and could spell the extinction of many species. 2. Replanting DOES NOT replicate the biodiversity found in the Cumberland Plain Woodland. Rather it will create a section of mono-species of trees. We must conserve what we have, not plant seedlings on wasteland. 3. The plan cuts off major wildlife corridors, separating entire habitats from the rest of Sydney. This will be detrimental to koalas in particular, who were beginning to move across greater Sydney. This could mark the koalas fate as extinct by 2050 as they are unable to move throughout their natural habitat to breed. Not only this, the lack of wildlife corridors will increase the interaction between wildlife and humans, resulting in greater road casualties as koalas and other wildlife attempt to move to new habitats. We must ensure there are multiple adequate wildlife corridors including a 500m wide wildlife corridor at Mt Gilead. 4. The plan is extremely culturally insensitive to our Indigenous people and traditional custodians of this land. We simply cannot claim we respect elders past and present and then stamp the approval to destroy two Aboriginal burial sites and a massacre site. In order to move forward with reconciliation we must RESPECT the land and the history that it holds by preserving these important sites. 5. The plan removes the need for developers to offset their developments in real terms. Not only does the plan approve a development through a current offset, but it allows developers to use public land as an offset. We need to ensure no offsets are created on public land. 6. The plan approves the destruction of existing National Parks, conservation and restoration areas. The extension and creation of tunnelling should be considered as viable options to preserve these areas. 7. The plan removes the need to achieve offset goals at regular stages of development. This runs the risk of allowing developers to complete the project, destroying our natural habitats in the process and not following through on offset promises. We need to implement a staged approach to offset delivery and development. How can we look our children and grandchildren in the eye and say we allowed our beautiful country to be destroyed? I urge you to reconsider the CPCP and make positive changes to ensure the future of our unique Cumberland Plain Woodland and the flora and fauna that live within its ecosystem. Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

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