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Submission: David Manning The Owner [REDACTED] WILTON NSW 2571 Re: Public Exhibition of the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan Relevant lot/s: [REDACTED] I am writing in reference to the letter I received from your Planning Industry & Environment Dept and it states that our land [REDACTED] Wilton NSW 2571, is to be rezoned to E2 as part of the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan. My neighbour's and ourselves are all strongly opposed/disagree with the rezoning, E2 which states that no dwellings will be allowed! We already have dwellings on our properties and find this obscure! We (my wife & I) have lived on this property for nearly 40 years! When we purchased this property in 1981, it was purchased as RU2 and we planned to use it as RU2. We were Primary Producers of Fresh Goats Milk, also a home industry with Cashmere, dual dwellings, rural industry plus a Food Trailer. We have had part of our property land assessed for Biobanking and the value of the Credits did not cover our mortgage! We, together with two of our neighbours had our properties assessed in 2014 to ascertain if they were worth going ahead with Biobanking. Yes, we were told it was of benefit, so therefore, proceeded to employ Biosis Pty to do the Main Surveys. Biosis being one of the ones on the assessment list by the Dept that we could enlist to do the Surveys. It cost us (alone, not including monies from other landholder's properties) a total of \$25,000! It also cost our neighbour \$25,000. We wanted to protect the Koala's (which we know we are in the Koala Corridor), Lyrebirds, Swamp Wallabies, Feather Tail Gliders, Echidnas, Wombats and other Native Fauna and Flora on our property. Our property's comes under Shale Sandstone Transition Forests not Cumberland Plains. Then we heard that the Office of Environment and Heritage was being closed by the State Government. In a letter I wrote to the Premier Gladys Berejiklian which was passed to Matt Kean, he told us of the office closing. We were mortified because the sale of Credits for Biobanking would be managed by the BCT (Biodiversity Conservation Trust). That meant that the BCT would be liaising with Developersthey would decide on prices of Credits!!!! Problem.....how could a Government Dept BCT be an Independent Arbitrator? Before, when we did our Assessment with Biosis, Credits were on the Open Market! If you take a look around the Wollondilly Shire where Developers have developed Estates.....they move in with machinery and level all the trees to the ground, then wood chip the rest! Disgraceful! This property was purchased as a way of life, to raise our children and grandchildren under the Zoning of RU2. We are retired and this land was our Superannuation. Looking at the map it seems to us that there has been NO 'boots on the ground' when deciding to change this zoning! Some of the areas are just not where Koala's live, the trees that are listed eg She Oaks are not where these Native animals live. Some of the areas to be rezoned are hills, steep hills at that and they get rezoned 'Industrial'??? Other areas, eg across the river between the Railway Line and the Nepean River, next to Picton Road across the bridge, are not even on the plan. This rezoning has had us and the properties around us in limbo, not know what the future would bring for 8 years. Now this letter has arrived we are stressed to the max, unsure of where we stand! We have been in limbo since 2013. The strain of COVID19, the devaluing of our property, together with all the other things coming in on us that we need to deal with.....also Depression and sheer Anxiety, is just another load we are expected to bare! Under the Wollondilly Council LEP, E2 states the use as....'to be used where Developers had agreed to lock up land for Conservation. Guess what? We are not Developers and I do not agree to lock up our land as E2 to offset for their development! Council said if we are rezoned to E2 we can still continue to use as we are now doing. My wife and I ask you 'what is the legislation on continued use'? So why rezone? There are instances around here that are classic Cumberland Wood Plain Forest and Water Catchment that is not locked up! We NEED a face to face meeting with the Minister in charge of this Plan. He needs to understand where we are coming from and the detrimental affect it will have by having this 'slapped' on our community and our personal land! We request your assistance in stopping this proceeding. It would be very much appreciated! Regards David Manning & Helen Manning Relevant Lot/s: [REDACTED]

URL: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-cumberland-plain-conservation-plan>