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Submission: My submission regards the proposed Georges River koala reserve. The proposed reserve is located only on the western side of the Georges River and tends to skirt privately owned land - including a large island at the end of Georges River Rd Kentlyn, which appears to be surrounded by the proposed reserve which appears to straddle a portion of Georges River Rd (which I would not think would be appropriate to include in such a reserve). However every property south of Georges River Rd and Old Kent Rd between Darling Ave and Harrison Rd has been included in the reserve. The owners of these properties have been advised of their inclusion & I believe would have concerns over proposed acquisitions. They have chosen to live on acreage, and would be justifiably concerned about the effect on the value of their property. Although sub plan B advises there will be close consultation with landholders and acquisition will be voluntary, it also states that in limited circumstances when voluntary acquisition is unsuccessful the acquisition will be compulsory! This is certainly sending mixed messages, and seems unfair that they have been singled out for acquisition when other areas koalas frequent and have indeed been killed by vehicle strikes have not been included. (I am thinking of Georges River Rd past Smith St and Peter Meadows Rd). I would also think that areas of koala habitat on the eastern side of the river - such as Wedderburn and the Holsworthy army reserve would also be worthy of inclusion in the reserve. It could be argued that Kentlyn and Wedderburn are zoned as environmental living, and as such the landowners could be considered unofficial custodians of the natural environment. Indeed this could be the reason that the koala population has increased in these areas in the last 35 years - there were few recorded sightings prior to the mid 1980s due to the excessive hunting early in the 20th century. If this land use zoning is the reason for excluding privately owned properties it should apply to all such properties.

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