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Submission: I strongly object to the draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (CPCP) as it is not in the public interest, public health, affects koala population and will remove 10-15% of the critically endangered Cumberland Plain woodland. The CPCP is weighed to developers who have land banked in the region. The Draft Plan will reclassify a total of 10,014 hectares of rural land as 'urban capable' while setting aside only 5,475 hectares of native vegetation in new conservation lands. The draft Plan acknowledges that 1,014.6 hectares of critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland or around 16% of the remaining 6,400 hectares will be impacted by the proposed development. The draft plan provides no assessment about how the loss of so much rural land will impact the Sydney region's food bowl capacity. The draft Plan fails to set aside enough land to properly protect a thriving population of 600 to 1,000 koalas, the largest chlamydia-free koala population in NSW. The draft plan proposed construction of 120 km of Koala exclusion fencing will isolate and fragment Koala colonies, especially because the Plan protects only one of the six east-west movement corridors recommended in the Chief Scientist Koala Report. The draft Plan acknowledges that the urban heat island effect in Western Sydney "will increase as urbanisation increases," but proposes only minimal measures to mitigate its effect. This area regularly experiences record summer temperatures. The draft Plan acknowledges that conservation land will only be secured slowly over time. No firm commitment has been made about how much land will eventually be protected. The draft Plan does not address the significant adverse impact on the scenic, historic and physical qualities of one of the most heritage rich and picturesque rural landscapes in NSW. The draft Plan proposes massive urban development on the Cumberland Plain, a region previously designated as a "first priority" biodiversity offset area for two other major Growth Centres. - efforts to offset within the CPCP are merely window dressing and fail to acknowledge that Offsetting will not be possible thereby triggering bio banking a fail for conservation

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