

I am a resident of Liverpool and a volunteer for Liverpool Council bushcare. I give my time to try and protect remnant Cumberland Plain Woodlands in the Liverpool LGA. I am seriously concerned about the draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan and I would like to formally object to it.

Specifically I am opposed to:

- yet again, the reliance of offsets, to allow the bulldozing of old growth forest trees to be replaced with juvenile tree planting on former cultivated paddocks. I have witnessed the destruction of large areas of old growth habitat in the Willowdale, Leppington and Bringelly developments. Newly planted paddocks do not provide habitat and nesting hollows for decades so what are the native species to do in the meantime?
- The proposed corridor linking the George's River Koalas to the Nepean bushland is not wide enough. The NSW Chief Scientist said koala survival depended on corridors being more than 425m wide unlike this proposal. I believe it should be more like 500m wide
- This plan will effectively destroy more than 1000 ha of critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland or over 10% of our remaining.
- The use of existing public reserves as offsets for developments to reduce the developers costs rather than requiring them to establish new conservation areas on private land. Effectively the public paying for the developers offsets.
- The proposed slashing of the funding from \$530 million to \$84 million.
- The routing of major highways to necessitate the loss of a third of the Colbee Nature Reserve, bisecting of Cobbity Hills bushland and Wianamatta Regional Park.

Regards,

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