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Submission: I strongly object to the plan in its current form. It fails to protect the environment in numerous ways. To be acceptable it needs to address the following: Protect a 500 m wide koala corridor at Mount Gilead Tunnel 2 km to save Wianamatta Regional Park Extend the Camden Tunnel 4 km south and 6 km north – saving EMAI-to-Razorback Wildlife Corridor, Cobbitty Hills & homes Clearing 10% of the entire Cumberland Plain Woodland ecosystem is unacceptable KEY CHANGES TO PROPOSED OFFSETS o Protect the Cumberland Conservation Corridor within the Strategic Conservation Area (SCA) o Allow smaller lots to be eligible for offsetting (SCA) and improve offset funding accordingly o Demand new, large public reserves of Cumberland Plain Woodland (CPW) to offset loss of CPW in three National Parks o Restore the focus of offsets to Cumberland Plain Woodland – the ecosystem most impacted by these developments o Protest landowner-specific exclusions in the SCA • SCRAP THE FAILED 'AVOIDED LAND' model (E2 ZONING & CREEKS) o CPCP riparian corridors and small bushland parcels are left in no-mans land, neither developed nor conserved as offsets o The Western Sydney Growth Centres program shows that this model fails – no agency wants to own or manage the unfunded creek corridors, and landowners on E2 zoned lands (left ineligible as offsets) illegally clear bushland o Scrap the 'avoided' category – land in development precincts should either be developed or fully funded as an offset. • ADEQUATE BUDGET LOCKED IN UP-FRONT: The CPCP must lock in a sufficient budget up-front to ensure offsets are actually delivered, as per the \$540 M Western Sydney Growth Centres offset program • STAGING DEVELOPMENT to MATCH DELIVERY OF OFFSETS: The CPCP must stage development and require the satisfactory delivery of offsets from each stage before further development proceeds (as per the Western Sydney Growth Centres) • NO PUBLIC LAND FOR DEVELOPER OFFSETS: Stop the CPCP using loopholes in NSW law to relabel existing public reserves as offsets for developers. This denies us new green spaces and denies farmers funding to conserve bushland on their land. Demand that no offsets are created on existing public reserves of any kind. • NEW CONSERVATION RESERVES, NOT PLANTING: The CPCP tries to cut developers costs by replacing the requirement for new conservation areas with tree planting on waste land (The Confluence). Research demonstrates that neither traditional nor scalp-and-seed revegetation compensates for clearing Cumberland Plain Woodland. We need to save the woodlands that remain, not plant seedlings. • NO TAXPAYER SUBSIDY OF DEVELOPER OFFSETS Regards Gregory McDonald

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