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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Cumberland Plains Conservation Plan ('the Plan').

The Office of Sport ('the Office') has reviewed the Plan and congratulates the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment ('Department') on a comprehensive program for the conservation of flora, fauna and habitat in the Cumberland Plains.

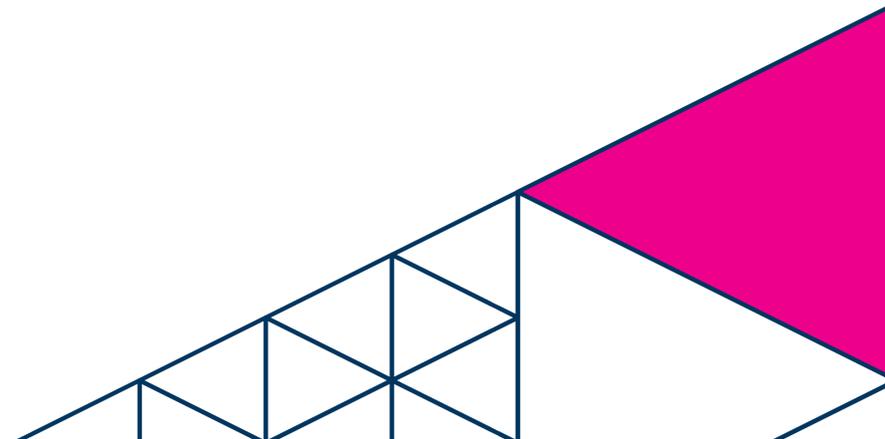
The Office sees an opportunity to work with the Department to identify suitable locations within the conservation area (certified-urban capable and non-certified lands) that could accommodate the sport and/or active recreation needs of the growing Western Sydney community. This could include the Office providing data to inform what 'essential infrastructure' may be appropriate in the non-certified land if the 'certified-urban capable land' does not have the available land to support the provision of sport and active recreation infrastructure.

Currently, the Office is working with the Greater Sydney Commission ('GSC') in the development of the Western Sydney Placed-Based Infrastructure Compact ('PIC'). In the areas within the Western Sydney PIC, the strategic conservation land could provide opportunities for active recreation and potentially organised sport. Given that specific dimensions of space are required to accommodate various sport infrastructure, further discussions on land availability and sport requirements would be needed.

The Office is also working with Campbelltown City Council and various partners on delivering the GSC's Campbelltown-Macarthur Collaboration Area Place Strategy. One of the actions is the development of a blue-green grid strategy. This is likely to include land within the strategic conservation area. Within the blue-green strategy, the Office is looking at opportunities to increase sport and active recreation for the Campbelltown community. The Office notes that within the conservation area there could be active recreation opportunities such as trails for walking (of which the Plan acknowledges), hiking, orienteering and mountain biking. Of relevance to the Plan is the unsanctioned mountain bike trails that exist in the Kentlyn area and which possibly fall within the catchment of the proposed Georges River Koala Reserve. There could be an opportunity to upgrade these trails into sanctioned trails to reduce the impact on the reserve of unauthorised trail development, but also to maintain this active recreation activity.

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The Office recommends that where there is common purpose in the strategic conservation area which can facilitate the conservation of flora, fauna and habitat and provide sport and active recreation infrastructure, an application for funding through the Special Infrastructure Contribution process could be enhanced by having a dual outcome for the use of these developer contributions. The Office is available to provide data in relation to indicative costs on sport and active recreation infrastructure. As indicated above, the work the Office is currently undertaking with the GSC in the Western Sydney PIC and Campbelltown-Macarthur Collaboration Area should feed into these considerations and deliberations.

The Office looks forward to our continued co-operation with the Department in planning for community sport and active recreation infrastructure.

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Yours sincerely

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