

## Sarah Ng

---

**From:** Anthony Tavella on behalf of DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** DPE PS Biodiversity Mailbox  
**Subject:** FW: Webform submission from: Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

---

**From:** noreply@feedback.planningportal.nsw.gov.au <noreply@feedback.planningportal.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2020 5:44 PM  
**To:** DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox <eplanning.exhibitions@planning.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Webform submission from: Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Submitted on Mon, 05/10/2020 - 17:44

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type: I am making a personal submission

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Name Withheld: Yes

Email: [REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode: 2519

Submission file: [webform\_submission:values:submission\_file]

Submission: I live in the Wollongong area and value the critically endangered Cumberland Plain woodland as an important ecological community and containing areas of critical koala habitat. My views on the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (the Plan) are as follows: - Clearing 10 percent of the entire Cumberland Plain Woodland ecological community is clearly unacceptable and should not be allowed to proceed under the Plan. Any offsets allowed under the Plan should focus on Cumberland Plain Woodland, not other PCTs, as this one is so endangered. - More needs to be done to protect koala habitat under the Plan. For example, protecting a 500m wide koala corridor at Gilead if that development proceeds. - New public reserves of substantial size are essential as part of the Plan to offset the loss of Cumberland Plain Woodland in three national parks. - The 'avoided land' category should not be included; this results in areas that are neither developed nor properly protected in offsets. While on the face of it these areas (E2 and riparian zones) could contribute to maintaining a greater amount of natural bushland, in my experience these areas tend not to be well managed and deteriorate into weed zones. IF the 'avoided land' category is included, then budget should also be included, from the public purse, for maintenance of these areas. - On budget, adequate budget is absolutely required to ensure that the proposed offsets are actually delivered. This is in line with the provisions of the Western Sydney Growth Centres offset program. I'd prefer not to see offsets used at all, but if they are used then they should be properly funded, up front. - No public land should be allowed to be used for offsets. Such land is not genuinely additional as it should already be managed for conservation value. - Allowing offsets on public land also takes the opportunity away from farmers to provide genuine offsets by conserving or restoring bushland on their farms. - Finally, development should be staged/sequenced and approval for subsequent phases should be conditional on the confirmed delivery of offsets from each previous stage.

URL: <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-cumberland-plain-conservation-plan>