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**From:** Anthony Tavella on behalf of DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** DPE PS Biodiversity Mailbox  
**Subject:** FW: Webform submission from: Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 October 2020 10:13 AM  
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**Subject:** Webform submission from: Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Submitted on Tue, 06/10/2020 - 10:12

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type: I am making a personal submission

First Name: Samantha

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

Submission: Department of Planning, Industry & Environment Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta, NSW 2124 Relevant Address – [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Kentlyn 2560 As a resident of Kentlyn for 10 years, I have been fortunate to directly back onto bushland and experience encounters with native animals, birds and reptiles of all kinds. Which is why my husband and I bought here to raise our three children in natural beautiful bushland. However, the boundary for the Strategic Conservation Area needs to be realistic and go around the vegetation. Smaller lots in Georges River Road, Kentlyn (yes, like mine) that have been identified as future Strategic Conservation areas should be excluded if there is little vegetation. I understand that these smaller residential lots have been identified as having ecological restoration potential to widen the existing corridor. Instead of focussing on the width of the corridor at the rear of my property, of which Koalas have been successfully using for years, it is more important that they have a safe habitat to spread and live in. Ensuring that these bushland reserves are mitigated as much as possible against bushfire is another more important factor as Koalas will not be able to travel quickly enough to access these corridors from a bushfire. My property offers a safe haven for the koalas and I maintain a water supply for the animals and birds. I love living where I live and so does my husband and three children. WE as a family are very distressed with this proposed plan as this is our life, our family home and safe haven not to mention our future. We hope to never move if possible. However, if our property is identified/zoned as a Strategic Conservation area, then I will immediately have difficulty selling it if necessary. Who would buy a property with the threat that it can be taken any day. How can anyone live like that? My mental wellbeing is not coping now and it is just a plan. How can I be expected to live like that? Rezoning these small lots can potentially ruin people's lives. I have been advised that no definitive plans have been made for land acquisition and that market value will theoretically be paid, but the uncertainty itself is very distressing. How can anyone be expected to live in their own home always thinking and worrying if it will be one day taken from them? What I would like to know is who is thinking about My Husband, My children ME. We have worked so hard to live here and I find this so unfair. Why can't the boundary start from the back of my property? What is the plan? Get rid of all the houses, contaminated petrol station, and do what? I just don't understand why this needs to happen and ruin people's lives. My property, and those nearby are the only properties that appear to have the entire property, including houses, identified as Strategic Conservation areas in Kentlyn. This uncertainty will most definitely impact on the value of our properties and our personal anxiety because of the emotional attachment to our properties. Very few properties are available for sale in Kentlyn and we will never be able to obtain "like for like" in the event of an acquisition. I do support and will always support care about the wellbeing of all wild life in Kentlyn however, these houses were built and have had families living in them for a very long time co existing and not hurting anything I can't support anything that will place my home in any kind of uncertainty and I am deeply shocked that anyone would think that people should have to live like this I am begging that my Family home not be zoned not be sold not be anything other than what it is right now which is our family nest our safe haven. I propose the removal of all family homes from your plan and start it all from the back boundary fences of all our homes and let us live a peaceful and happy life with the wild life like we have been for many many years Please don't hesitate to contact me Samantha Howe [REDACTED]

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

Good afternoon

As I'm sure you can appreciate with such a delicate situation both my husband and myself are not sleeping and are extremely stressed about the letter we received. I'm following up on the below sent 14th September 2020

I eagerly await your response

Mrs S Howe

On Mon, 14 Sep 2020 at 1:21 pm, Samantha H Howe [REDACTED] > wrote:

[ CBA Information Classification: Confidential ]

Good morning,

I have become aware that my property, [REDACTED] Kentlyn has now been identified as being part of the Strategic Conservation Area and I am so confused, worried, anxious and many other emotions on reading this information as this is my family home and our future.

I fully support the protection of native vegetation for Koala habitat but I am concerned about any possibility of acquisition of land and the effect this will have on the value of my property and more importantly the future for my family and our home. Both my husband and myself and my three children love living in our home and I want to try and understand why no one is thinking about that. I don't understand how this can even happen and feel like no one is taking into consideration my family and our home. Who is thinking about us in all of this???

If you do this my property will be worth nothing on the market and more importantly you can make us leave one day?????????. Do you think this is fair?? A family having to live with such uncertainty? There has to be a much fairer resolution that will take us who live here and work hard to live here into consideration.

Why does it have to be our property??? why can't it start from our back boundary fence ? We work hard to ensure we do our best for all the animals and bush, this is why we chose to purchase our house in Kentlyn, to be part of a beautiful bushland and community. We all need to work together with this as I don't see this as fair at all and it is so very distressing for us as a family

I await your response.

Regards

Mrs Samantha Howe

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[Kentlyn NSW 2560](#)