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From: Elizabeth Irwin
Sent: Tuesday, 6 October 2020 1:37 PM
To: manning
Cc: DPE PS Biodiversity Mailbox
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

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Thank you David for your email and submission, we will consider your comments in finalising the Plan.

Kind regards

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on the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan.
Submissions close 9 October.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 October 2020 1:30 PM
To: Elizabeth Irwin <Elizabeth.Irwin@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Elizabeth

I looked up all our BioBanking information *and there is lots of it*. Emails back and forth.

All the details we have given below will make it easier for you to locate our Agreement.

You said the OEH had merged with your Dept and now it was just a bigger Dept, you told me on the phone during the meeting. I will give you the details of our submission:

[REDACTED]
ID Number: [REDACTED] Wilton NSW 2571)
David & Helen Manning

This shows the Site Plan Map dated 7th August 2017.
This document also shows Location plan map 21st August 2017.
Also vegetation zones.
Management zones.
Photo points etc.

The people we dealt with:

Kerrin White - [REDACTED]
Customer Service Representative

Clair Kerr [REDACTED]
Senior Project Officer

Nolene Behrens [REDACTED]

Derek Steller [REDACTED]
Principal Project Officer
Biodiversity Offset Program, Programs Branch

John Seidel Senior Team Leader Ecosystem Assessment

Phil Wood

We also sent details to Gladys Berejiklian, who passed the details to Matt Keen.

[REDACTED]

<u>Plant Community Type</u>	<u>Area (ha)</u>	<u>Credits Created</u>
Narrow-leaved Ironbark – Broad-leaved Ironbark – Grey Gum open forest of the edges of the Cumberland Plain, Sydney Basin Bioregion. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Red Bloodwood – Grey Gum woodland on the edges of the Cumberland Plain, Sydney Basin Bioregion. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Water Gum – Coachwood riparian scrub along Sandstone streams, Sydney Basin Bioregion. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
TOTAL	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Elizabeth, ***we have already sent a submission to the planning portal. Nathaniel Smith was sent a copy, Mark Latham was sent a copy, Rob Stokes a copy and Angus Taylor. Angus Taylor also suggested we needed to send a copy to the planning portal, like Nathaniel Smith, which we have already done!.***

As you obviously gathered from our discussion in the meeting the other day, we have gone deeply into the BioBanking issue over a number of years. As you can appreciate, it's been very involved and we have spoken and received emails to and from lots of people handling the Submission of the Agreement. We decided to use BIOSIS who were on the government list to engage in the Biodiversity Banking and Offset Scheme.

We realised that we were not ASSURED of selling our Credits, if the market didn't require them! As we said at the meeting, it is REAL CONCERN that the NSW Government is 'controlling' the Credit Sales, which is **NOT THEREFORE AN OPEN MARKET**, which it was when we did all our paperwork and contacts in the OEH. The land would have been locked up for Perpetuity. The Biodiversity Conservation Trust would have given us money to look after the land (from money we had secured our Credits with on the Open Market) and its diversity each year for fencing and to keep it maintained. Also, from the money that the Credits were sold for, there was a built in monetary amount for the Landowner for himself..... Since it was landowner's land that was being locked up for Perpetuity! There was always a question that if the Trust didn't have the money, we would not get a grant *that* year, but we were willing to discuss this aspect before going ahead. Let's face it, the Conservation Trust would have needed to manage the money in the appropriate way.

It seems like companies and **NOT** the landowner with a mortgage can help to secure BioBanking in this delicate ecosystem. With all the mucking around that the OEH and closing the Dept and merging it with another Dept plus the no longer Open Market that existed, the Mortgagor was just not willing to sign the document for us to go ahead. The other landowner had the same problem. Unless the money received, cleared the mortgage, then the Banks did not see it as a Viable or Secure investment and would not allow the property Owners to sign off on the agreement, if they had a mortgage because it is *not acceptable security!*

Now, it seems like the government is in bed with the Developers not the landowners! Why should be hand our land over and not get a monetary gain for it!

We moved onto this property in the Wollondilly Shire for a lifestyle, to have a Primary Producers Goat Farm and to eventually pass the land onto our children, that was in 1981! So we have lived here and taken care of the property for nearly 40 years! If the rezoning goes ahead, as is, it will prevent us building. If the State Planning wants to rezone our land just along the Nepean River, where we had the Surveys done for BioBanking we are willing to do that, as that was our Original plan. Although, this land would need to be secured at a good price regarding our Biodiversity Credits. If the government wants to acquire our land because of Biodiversity, it is NOT FAIR that YOU rezone it and take it! We will NOT be able to sell it in the future and it ties our land up.

To us it looks like the maps used to rezone have been done from SPACE and there have been no boots on the ground to see or review the rezoning areas you are trying to adopt! We have to admit we feel the ball has been dropped on a few occasions with Biodiversity, maps for rezoning and so many fingers in the pie, that landowners have **NOT been given the feeling of clear direction and a sense of security.**

Wilton is a big growth area, that we have known for a very long time but if you want Biodiversity correctly managed along the Nepean River, then you need to be forward in your thinking and be sure that, WE, the landowners are given the opportunity to protect this precious bushland and environment. We ALL want to

protect our slice of Biodiversity, but if wrong decisions are made then others will buy these properties and not appreciating their REAL value could tip the balance of the Biodiversity that you and I are trying to maintain!

Regards

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From: Elizabeth Irwin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2020 3:05 PM
To: manning
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Hi David and Helen

Thank you for meeting with us today to discuss the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan.

Please send through directly to me at this address any information you have previously provided to the department that you would like considered as part of this exhibition process and I will ensure it is considered as a submission. You are also very welcome to make a submission through the Planning Portal <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-cumberland-plain-conservation-plan> or just email it to me here directly and I will make sure it is included.

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