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Submission: The Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan needs substantial improvements in order to protect the koalas and other wildlife in this region. Wildlife requires habitat connectivity to survive and thrive. The CPCP will permanently isolate three of the four National Parks which currently protect significant areas of Cumberland Plain Woodland; the Wianamatta Regional Park, Shanes Park, and Colebee Nature Reserve. The CPCP M7 motorway and M7-Ropes Crossing Link Road proposals would completely isolate these three reserves from each other. The plan should be altered to include:

- A 2km tunnel to save Wianamatta Regional Park
- Extension of the Camden Tunnel 4km south and 6km north - saving EMAI-to-Razorback Wildlife Corridor, Cobbitty Hills

There is only an expectation but no guarantee "that around 11,000 hectares, or approximately double the Plan's offset commitment of 5,475 hectares of impacted native vegetation, will be protected within new conservation lands". This is not good enough. The three new reserves that are proposed should be preserved within the next 3 years (instead of completed over the life of the plan) otherwise development pressure will threaten to adulterate the plans over time. The purchase of bushland for permanent protection should be prioritised. No development should occur until existing native vegetation is conserved and adequate protection is assured. Permitting offsets to be used from anywhere in NSW, if local areas are not available, will cause disastrous local extinction. This must not be allowed. Offsets using existing conserved land must also be prohibited. The Chief Scientist's recommendations to implement the number and wide width of east-west Koala corridors must be included in the plan. Failure to incorporate these proposals in to the plan will wipe out the currently healthy population of koalas in this region and greatly reduce the beauty and liveability of this area of Sydney. It is crucial that significant changes are made.

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