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Sent: Thursday, 8 October 2020 12:20 PM
To: DPE PS Biodiversity Mailbox
Cc: Alexandra Stengl
Subject: Submission to the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (CPCP)

Dear Mr Hartley,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (CPCP).

The draft CPCP must be rejected as it fails to protect an endangered ecological community as well as the Threatened Species, Critically Endangered and vulnerable species that depend on it.

It is a fast track process for developers to remove endangered vegetation without the need for assessment.

The Cumberland Plain Woodland in the Sydney Basin is a Critically Endangered Ecological Community under both NSW and Commonwealth status.

A total 10,014 hectares of rural land will be re classified as 'urban capable' while setting aside only 5,475 hectares of fragmented native vegetation in very restrictive E2 zoning.

Whilst it will create a Koala Reserve, it will isolate the koalas and all other native wildlife behind 120 kms of exclusion fencing, with only one corridor to link the George's River koalas to bushland of the Nepean and beyond. The NSW Chief Scientist said koala survival depended on 6 corridors. Each needs to be more than 425m wide, and this Plan ignores this.

It appears that you intend to force all koalas plus other native wildlife to use the Ousedale Creek corridor. Whilst allowing the clearing of land by developers on 'urban capable' land that is used by existing native wildlife. Animals don't read maps!!

I request that the draft CPCP is rejected as it will be an ecological disaster for both humans and the wildlife in that area.

Yours sincerely,

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