

Sarah Ng

From: Anthony Tavella on behalf of DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox
Sent: Friday, 9 October 2020 11:42 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: Friday, 9 October 2020 9:44 AM
To: DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox <eplanning.exhibitions@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Webform submission from: Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Submitted on Fri, 09/10/2020 - 09:44

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Submission Type: I am making a personal submission

First Name: Fiona

Last Name: Bullivant

Name Withheld: No

Email: [REDACTED]

Suburb/Town & Postcode: Wilton 2571

Submission file: [webform_submission:values:submission_file]

Submission: I oppose the finalisation of the Cumberland Plain Plan due to a number of scientific and environmental arguments, and a bias towards development viability over the environmental outcomes. The CPCP does not achieve improved conservation outcomes. It is inadequately funded (\$84 Million when previous plan was \$530 Million). It is not an improvement on the current status of the CPCP. It sanctions destruction of more than 10% of the critically endangered habitat it claims to protect. It fragments and reduces existing protected corridors, it devalues potential conservation land, reducing the likelihood that it will be conserved at all. It excludes areas from conservation that require conservation and funding. It excludes area from conservation because they are already owned by developers who want to develop them. The decision to make CEEC and koala corridor land in Wilton South East, as urban capable, without biocertification, is just one example of how this plan fails to deliver truthful protection of the remnant vegetation. The CPCP contains little to no consideration of other impacts such as urban heat and climate change, and how they may alter or affect the conservation outcomes of the plan. It does not close existing loopholes in the system, such as using existing protected lands as offsets. It does not address the current status that we are not meeting the existing offset obligations. It adds further loopholes for developers by removing the requirement for staging and real offsets for destruction of habitat. It does not support the chief scientists findings of the number of required corridors for east west movement in the Appin/Gilead area. 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 streamlines the removal of old growth forest trees with abundant nesting hollows, by allowing developers to offset the loss by planting saplings in flood prone, bare and desolate paddocks. It is an abject failure in conservation, and will worsen the plight of the critically endangered habitat it purports to protect.

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