

Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan 2020 56

I have lived in Marsden Park all my life. 22 years. I am so disappointed that everything natural that I grew up with is being turned into hard surfaces and unsustainable housing developments and pollution.

I have tried to read through the above plan but it is so confusing that I couldn't be bothered to finish it. You keep referring to conservation but talk about development. Development is obviously the 'it' word at the moment and nothing is safe from it by the look of this plan.

I have had a good look at the Marsden Park North Development and it is really crap. The green space is tacked onto the plan as if it was a last thought, and obviously was, as there is some of it placed inside what is supposed to be a protected bushland area. The bush is broken up into tiny little pieces that will not survive the damage caused by people. Where are all the animals going to live? Why can't you leave the bushland alone? We have beautiful bushland around here, we have a lovely wetland up near Park Rd where Migratory birds visit and rely on for food for their long flights. You are even going to put houses on it. Why would I believe that you can do better for the rest of Western Sydney than you have done here? Strategies and fast tracking usually end up using short cuts and all the details falls out of the plan.

I don't understand why you won't leave any natural environment behind. There is not much of it left at the moment anyway and over the last few years as I drive to work, I see it disappearing before my eyes. Your draft plan says that you will conserve 11000 hectares of vegetation. How can you do this if there is only 5% of the 110,000 hectares left – do the math, this doesn't work out. And how can you conserve the 5% when you are going to continue to development all the remaining land left in Western Sydney? You can't do both.

I don't like the way you do things. You are obviously one eyed about making profits for the few and not supplying anything nice for the many. Why do the developers get preference in what is happening? They obviously do because our local wetland is going to be destroyed for housing when there is absolutely no need to destroy it. Put the houses somewhere else, not on top of the wetland. People don't have to live like this. Stop developing everything. Your 'forward' sums it all up very abruptly. Your only thoughts are for development, development, development. So - what is the title of this draft plan really supposed to be. This is so confusing.

What exactly are you conserving?

Where I live now, we have been under threat from one of your development plans for the last 6 years. All around me there is noise, mess, pollution and traffic. Traffic that does not stop – day or night. This is not how I want to live, and I can presume that the poor people who are moving into these overcrowded development areas probably feel the same but have no choices. Are you aware that a lot of them are moving out of the area already?

As I said I don't want to live like this now, now or in the future. Where am I supposed to go later when we eventually get kicked out of our home and I want to keep my job? As I said I don't want to live in the world that you are so determined to set up. Where does that leave my future?

I am very disappointed in this plan; it is not only hurting the bushland and the animals around us but will also hurt the people who must live in Western Sydney.

Do not proceed with this plan. It is rubbish.

