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Submission: This is my objection to the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan. This Plan flies in the face of our Premier's clearly expressed wish not to be the Premier remembered as failing koalas. It runs counter to the Environment Minister Matt Kean's commitment to take actions that will double the koala population by 2050. The koala population in the area is to be treasured because of the health of koalas and the significant numbers of breeding pairs. Current and future generations of NSW residents are looking for the action to protect koalas to start right now, not for finding so-called "balances" which allow developers to destroy the habitat of koalas and other native species. Too much damage has already been done to the environment and biodiversity on the Cumberland Plain. It is time for limits to be placed on developments and for the wellbeing of our natural environment and its future given priority. I do not buy Mr Stokes assertion that the plan will protect the koala population. The government asked for the Chief Scientist's advice and received the report. But the full advice needs to be taken if the koala population is to thrive. The Georges River Koala Reserve as outlined in the plan does not allow for the habitat corridors recommended to be set aside with buffers to provide protection for the koalas. Six corridors are needed, not one. The size of the reserve even when it reaches its maximum size is a fraction of what the Chief Scientist has called for in the report. I question the way offsetting is proposed, and the further losses of agricultural land to housing and other developments which will further sacrifice the Sydney population's access to fresh local food supplies. Please bring this proposal into line with the advice of the Chief Scientist. This is not the time to destroy more koala habitat. Yours sincerely, Marie Flood, [REDACTED] Alexandria 2015

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