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Submission: Thankyou for the opportunity to enter my submission on the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan. I am writing to express my deep concern and objection to the Cumberland Plains Conservation Plan. The Government needs to go back to the drawing board and develop a new plan with a strong foundation in supporting the survival and wellbeing of Sydney residents and Wildlife. The plan is severely flawed and devastating to our environment and food basin. It will be a major contributor to climate change, which the document itself states, impacting the lives and health of all living beings in Western Sydney and contributing to climate change globally. The South West Sydney Koala population is the last healthy, disease free, genetically diverse population in NSW. The Chief Scientist advises that a minimum of 6 East West wildlife corridors are necessary for the survival of the species, this will allow them to maintain genetic diversity, and to move to areas of refuge, to escape environmental threats. The Cumberland Plains Conservation Plan only guarantees ONE wildlife corridor of the minimum six required. The scientific report also states that the wildlife corridors need to be 390-420M wide and yet the plan does not stipulate this minimum width nor does it include the 30M 'Asset Protection Zones'. The crucial East West corridor at Mt Gilead, the fastest corridor for the Koalas to move between the Georges and Nepean Rivers, is not highlighted in the plan. There is only 6% of the Cumberland Plain Woodlands remaining, that is only 6400 hectares of what is now critically endangered woodland left of the original 107000 hectares. The Cumberland Plains Conservation Plan will lead to a loss of 16% of what is remaining. It is unreasonable that the Government would propose to remove 1014.5 hectares of critically endangered woodlands that supports 25 endangered plant species and 24 endangered Fauna species including Koalas and Glossy Black Cockatoos. Down the track 1885 hectares will be established for The Georges River Koala Reserve along with a further 610 hectares of Koala habitat to protect the North South Primary wildlife corridor for Koalas. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment estimated that 8293.46 hectares would be needed to contribute to protecting the Koala population. The plan does not set aside enough habitat to protect the Koala population and would lose substantial primary, secondary and tertiary wildlife corridors that are necessary for the species survival. If urban development is fulfilled in the fashion and to the extent proposed in this plan it is estimated that Sydney will lose 60% of its total food production and the food bowl capacity will drop to 6% from 20% by 2031. (SPUN food futures project 2015) Pg 40 Environment Panel Advisory Paper for the Greater Sydney Commission. This is unacceptable and has serious consequences to our food security and should be approached with a greater vision of Sydney's sustainable future. The CPCP is proposing to develop an already assigned "First Priority" Biodiversity offset area. Over the next 36 years the area from Menangle Park to Appin which is currently habitat for Koalas, will have a growth in population from 3000 to 109000 people. One third of the Colbee Nature Reserve will be cleared for major roadworks. The proposed M9 will devastate wildlife if it runs through the centre of Wianamatta Regional Park, slicing through the Green Corridor along South Creek and through Cobbitty Hills. There is no sensitivity to green corridors or water courses, there is no consideration of the bushland asset that will be lost. The quantity of underpasses and crossings are inadequate for wildlife to cross Appin Road. This plan lacks any consideration of ecological sustainability and is favouring developers at the expense of the lives and wellbeing of people, wildlife and the environment.

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