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Submission: Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Green and Resilient Places Division, Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124 Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan In response to the encouragement to 'have your say' on the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan, I submit the following brief comments as a citizen resident in Sydney. In making these comments I draw on many years of experience** advocating for a "work with nature" approach in government processes as the foundation for human wellbeing. The draft now on public exhibition is the latest of many studies, reports and plans with fine words of intent that have fallen by the wayside due to lack of political will and process to deliver. Meanwhile the landscape that constitutes the Cumberland Plain has been increasingly modified for intensive human use changing its character for ever to the extent that costly measures are now required to mitigate erosion, pollution and to maintain even a semblance of natural open space to sustain the shrinking, fragmented patches of habitat and the wildlife it supports. In the light of this ongoing downhill trajectory, exacerbated by governments that fail to address the increasingly scary predictions on human influenced climate change along with the implications of increasing consumption by increasing numbers of people, it is hard to have trust that the good aspects of this draft Plan are achievable. The vision of a Western Parkland City as "a liveable place where people can easily access and enjoy nature" is compromised from the start by excision of major infrastructure corridors. The implementation of the Plan is also compromised by key steps postponed into the future; by inadequate resourcing; and by dependence on flawed bio-banking arrangements. Many people have put a lot of work into pulling this draft Plan together, and many citizens like myself are making comment to seek the best outcome possible from this initiative and I do not wish to decry their efforts – but in truth I can only say "it was a good attempt, but this Plan is just not good enough". Anne Reeves, OAM

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