

9 October 2020

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment,
LOCKED BAG 5022, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam

**Landowner Diana Thomas Submission – Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan:
The Confluence Reserve Investigation Area.**

Objections that I have to the plan include the following:

Hawkesbury already has a high proportion of bushland and reserve land.

I note that The Plan proposes securing at least 5,475 hectares of native vegetation in the Cumberland sub-region ‘to conserve biodiversity values’. I bring to your attention the fact that the Hawkesbury area already has a significant amount of dedicated Bushland and reserve land. Hawkesbury City Council manages over 1500 hectares of native bushland in 61 different parks and reserves.

Confluence Reserve Investigation Area

From review of the draft Plan it appears that our property may be one of 35 properties identified as being potentially impacted by the proposal. We object to being classified in this Confluence Reserve Investigation Area. I consider that all proprietors potentially directly affected should have been notified of the existence of this Plan.

Our property is a long-established working farm and not bushland. The property has been in the family for generations. We have specific plans for this land – it is by no means bare land. If the proposal were to be implemented it would significantly adversely impact our farming operation and its viability. The loss of any of our land would have a detrimental impact on our current and future plans for re-establishment and expansion of the dairy.

Agriculture forms an essential part of the character of the Hawkesbury - the Hawkesbury Food Bowl’ – which contributes to the amenity and liveability of the district.


Our land is farmland and even if any native revegetation was to be initiated on it, it would not have no continuous connection with any other native vegetation communities of the district.

Any compulsory acquisition of our land along South Creek would prevent the functioning and viability of our farm, since our access to water from South Creek, as permitted by our water licence, would not be possible.

I am strongly opposed to our farm being included in this proposed plan, as well as to any compulsory land acquisition or placing caveats on private property for the Confluence Reserve Investigation Area.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours Sincerely
Diana Thomas


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