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I object to the plan as it is not within the guidelines of the "Advice on the protection of the Campbelltown Koala population" as commissioned in December 2019 by Ministers Stokes and Kean whence the Chief Scientist and Engineer convened a Koala Independent Expert Panel. Nor does it follow the recommendations from the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Koala Populations and Habitat as handed down to parliament on 30th June 2020.

To point out just a few of the inadequacies are the habitat corridors. Not only are there not the required minimum number of 6 for such an area but they are too narrow and lack the required 300 m buffer zone each side. The report also found that 8,293.46 hectares were needed to protect the population as it grows. There are inadequate measures to deal with the potential of koalas trapped behind fencing

According to the parliamentary Enquiry into the Koala Populations and Habitat finding 4 fragmentation and loss of habitat pose the most serious threat to Koalas so the proposal which has inadequate corridors and is less than a quarter of the necessary size fails again.

I also object to the loss of prime Agricultural land so near the large population of The Cities of Sydney, Parramatta and Camden. It is clear that our future with climate change and the distinct possibility of future pandemics resilience will need to include more local food security. To increase the population at the expense of highly productive agricultural land is not forward planning.

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Short term profits are not in the interest of the greater community and our future. Yes