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Re: Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

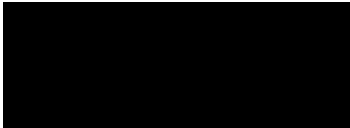
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan. We strongly recommend that further consideration might be given to the following matters:

1. The draft plan should consider incorporating the framework of ecological sustainable development in its design.
2. Use all available evidence to address the shortcomings of the plan's koala conservation measures with a view increasing their long-term viable habitat.
3. Protect at least a 500m wide koala corridor at Mount Gilead to protect the koala's population.
4. Adjust the plan to avoid clearing ten percent of the entire Cumberland Plain Woodland ecosystem by creating new conservation reserves for wildlife, because no type of revegetation offset can compensate for clearing the valuable landscape in this area.
5. Fully protect the Cumberland Conservation Corridor in the Strategic Conservation Area (SCA).
6. Provide for a sufficient budget up-front to ensure environmental offsets are delivered and do not permit taxpayer subsidies for developer offsets.
7. Do not create offsets on existing public reserves of any kind.

Australian Wildlife Society, founded in 1909, is dedicated to the conservation of Australian wildlife through national environmental education, advocacy, and involvement of the community.

Australian Wildlife Society would appreciate your strong support for this action and your urgent reply, please.

Yours sincerely



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