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Submission: I support the development of a Campbelltown Koala Reserve, but object to the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan, because it enables the destruction of endangered species of flora and fauna, including the koalas. Development and Infrastructure projects should not be prioritised over our iconic local species- the koala, or indeed, any of the other endangered animals that live in this area. New developments are renowned for being hotter than other older developments, where residents can plant substantial trees – to mitigate the heat from cramped housing development. Removal of more than 1000 ha of Cumberland Plain Woodlands does not assist the locals (or any native animals) in these areas, with any relief from the heat waves, as development heats up. Offsets in this plan are not clear, and allows for over reach from developers. I wonder why you would bother building koala hospitals and reserves, when you have nature's gift of koala colonies already established in these areas that are being proposed to be demolished. Why aren't these areas simply being protected now? Why have offsets or conservation reserves that simply don't include where the endangered species are RIGHT NOW? Why aren't these spaces the ones that the developers have to use as offset, when they are so ecologically fragile? I read that a minimum of 6 koala bushland corridors are necessary between the George's and Nepean Rivers, in order to ensure the survival of the koalas, while this plan only guarantees one. The plan also doesn't reflect the minimum necessary size corridor of at least 425m wide. I am aware particularly of the corridor at Noorumba Reserve at Mt Gilead. The major roadworks of the M9 and M12 further diminish the usable land for the flora and fauna, and create further roadkill issues. For these reasons- I object to the CPCP.

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