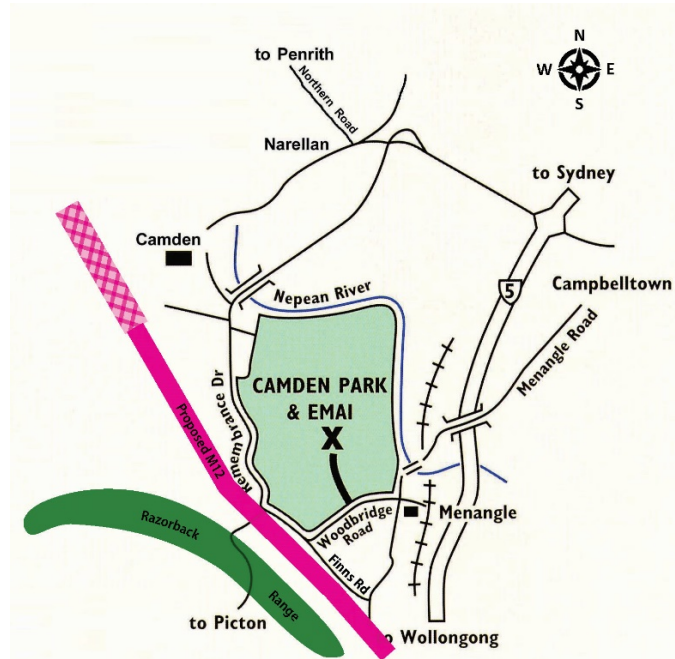


**Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan
Submission from Barragal Landcare Group Incorporated**

Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute (EMAI) is located between Camden township and Menangle village in south-west Sydney – see map below. The Institute is managed by NSW Department of Primary Industries as a world-class Centre of Excellence for Animal and Plant Biosecurity. The 1600 ha property is widely recognised as an important site for the conservation of critically-endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland and native wildlife.



Barragal Landcare Group Incorporated was formed at a public meeting in 2006 and has worked closely with EMAI Management to create a woodland corridor from the Nepean River to the Razorback Range. This corridor incorporates a mosaic of threatened ecological communities including Riverine Forest, Alluvial Woodland, Shale Plain & Shale Hill Woodland, Moist Shale Woodland and Swamp Oak Creek Flat. Barragal Landcare volunteers have created an extensive planting which links the ridge-line woodland through the centre of the property with the road-side planting along Remembrance Drive.

The proposed M12 orbital adjacent to Finns Road will sever the woodland connection between EMAI and Razorback Range and isolate EMAI's native animals from the Cumberland Plain. Barragal Landcare volunteers recommend that the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan includes an extension of the M12 tunnel (in hatched pink on the map) beyond Finns Road in order to maintain the connection between EMAI and the surrounding Cumberland Plain.



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