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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 30 October 2020 10:28 AM
To: DPE PS Biodiversity Mailbox
Subject: [REDACTED] Orchard Hills NSW 2748 - Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan

Dear NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment,

I am writing on behalf of Giovanni Frisina property owner of [REDACTED] Orchard Hills NSW 2748. [REDACTED] is my Grandfather and he asked me to write to you on his behalf as English is his second language.

We have reviewed the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan and whilst we were not notified by mail the mapping shows that some of [REDACTED] Orchard Hills **may fall under E2 zoning or Non-Certified - Avoided for Biodiversity**. After speaking with your department last week, it would indicate it is only approximately **450m2 of the property in the South East Corner**. We are seeking the department review this and look to make the entire property **Urban Capable**; the purpose of this email is to give an understanding of the history of the property and to show some photographs taken yesterday of the section of the property in question.

It is my understanding that the mapping and draft zoning was undertaken by surveys conducted via satellite imagery and Lidar. After reviewing these images it appears that mapping is simply incorporating the tree canopy on the neighbouring property which is hanging over the boundary, note there are no trees or native vegetation on [REDACTED] Orchard hills. A site visit will confirm this.

My Grandfather bought and moved onto this property in 1977 to be used as his primary residence and to run his farming business. That first year a bulldozer came through and cleared every inch of the property. Roads were made for machinery access along the perimeter and the rest of the property was graded and ploughed into rows for the Orchard, Vineyard and market gardens to come. The property has been used as a farm until his retirement from farming in 2010 and since has been routinely maintained through use of a slasher and sprays for weeds and rogue grasses. To be clear unlike the neighbouring properties there is no bushland and the property has not been neglected to the extent to allow regeneration.

Please find below a series of photos taken of the South East Corner of [REDACTED] Orchard Hills. These photos show the South East boundary, South Boundary and more broadly show the Southern end of the 5 acres. As mentioned, the tracks/roads are running along our boundary and the trees are on the neighbouring land. The photos clearly show the grass has been cut regularly and some overgrowth remains around some old Vines and Peach Trees along with junk and old farm equipment.

Photo 1 - South East corner



Photo 2 - Taken from South East corner facing West showing back fence

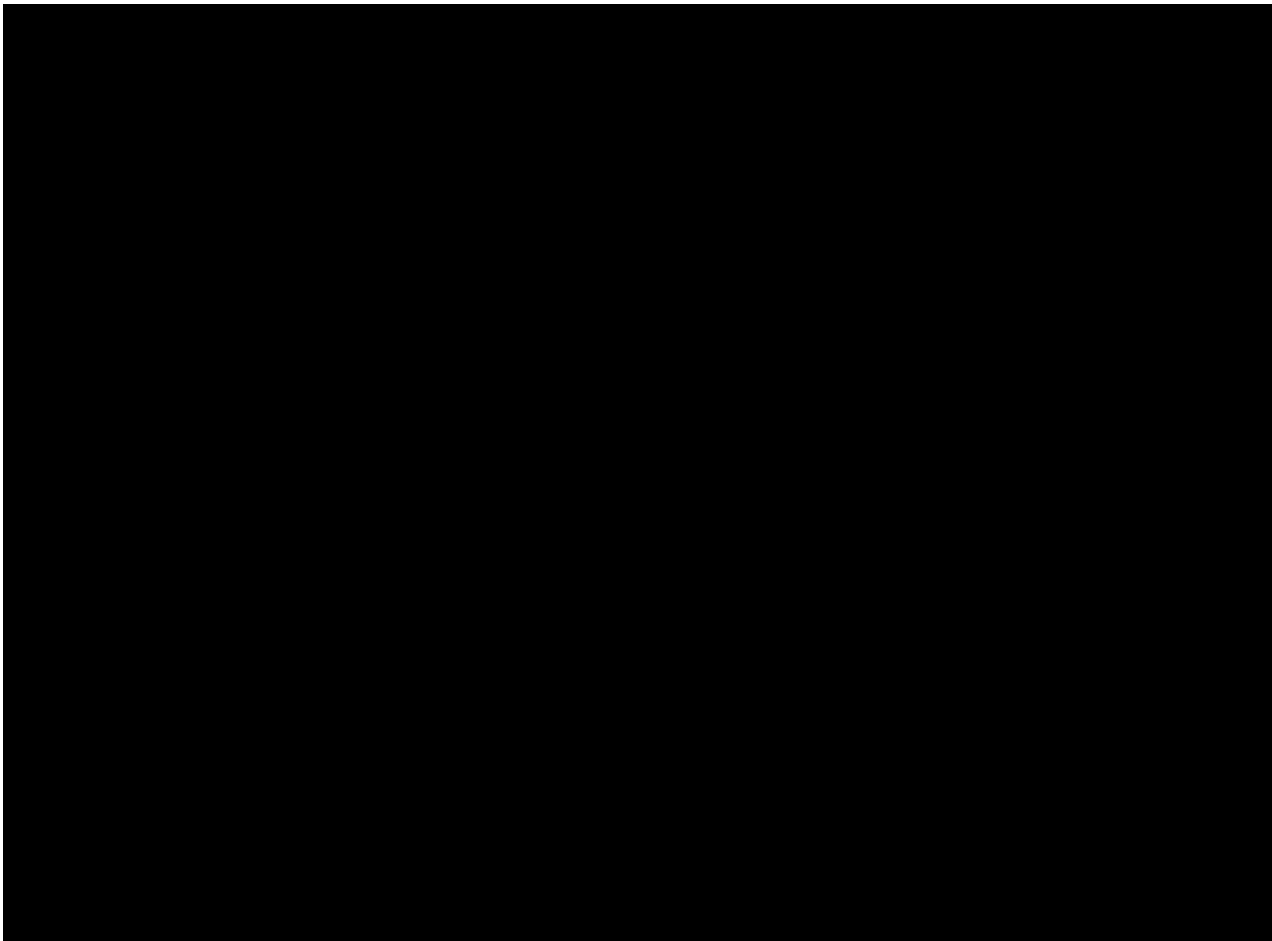


Photo 3 - South East corner taken facing East along back fence

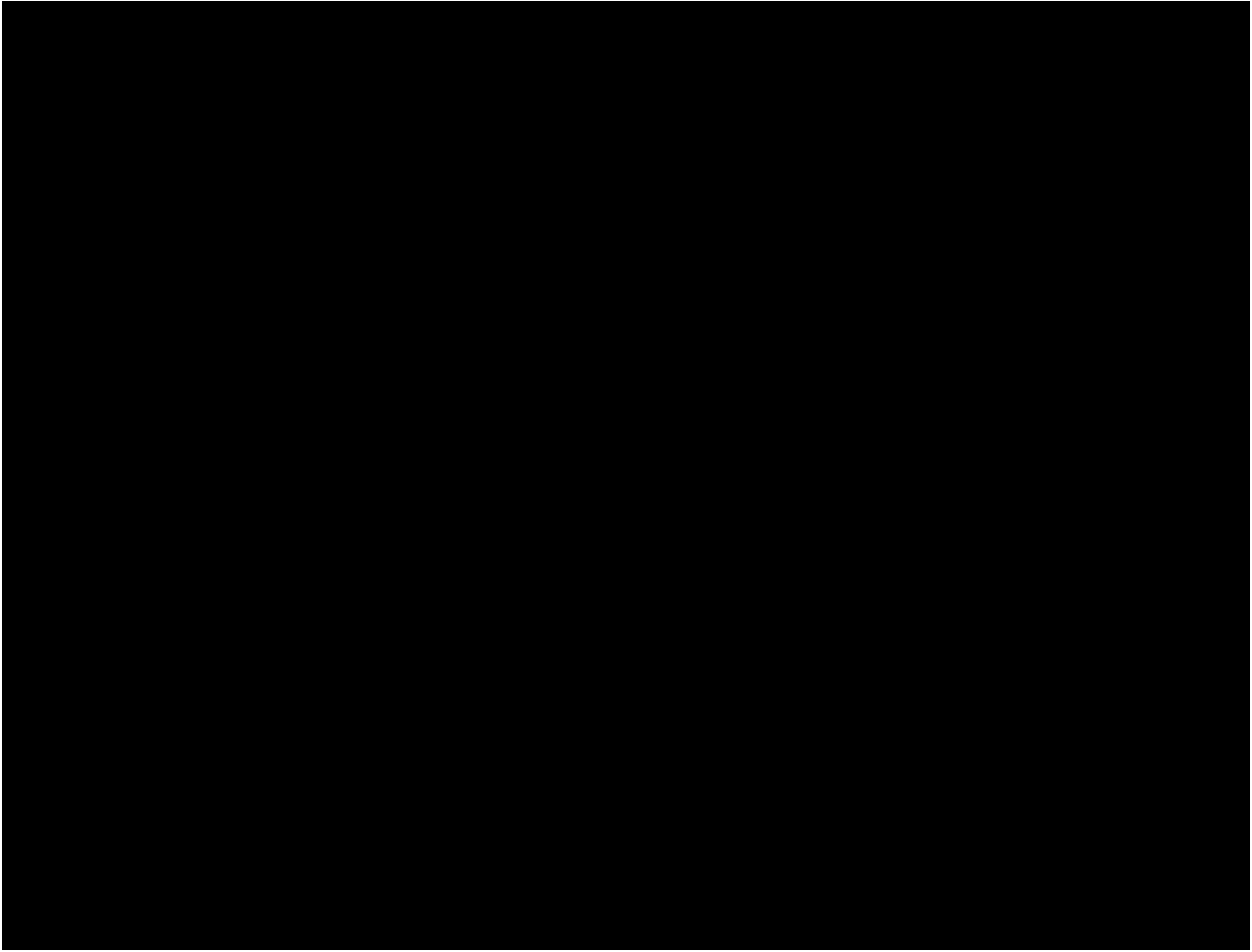


Photo 4 - Southern Half of the Property

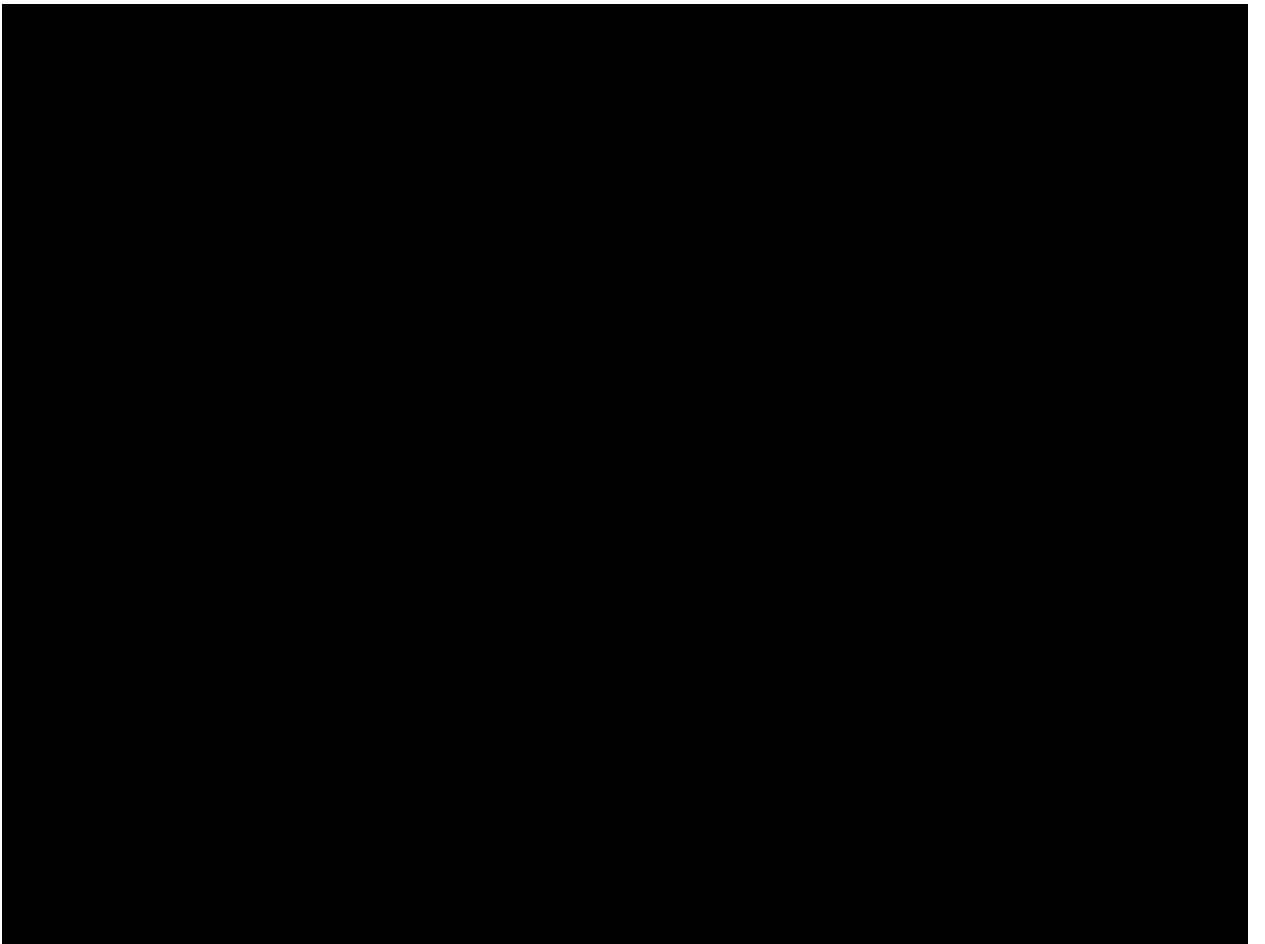
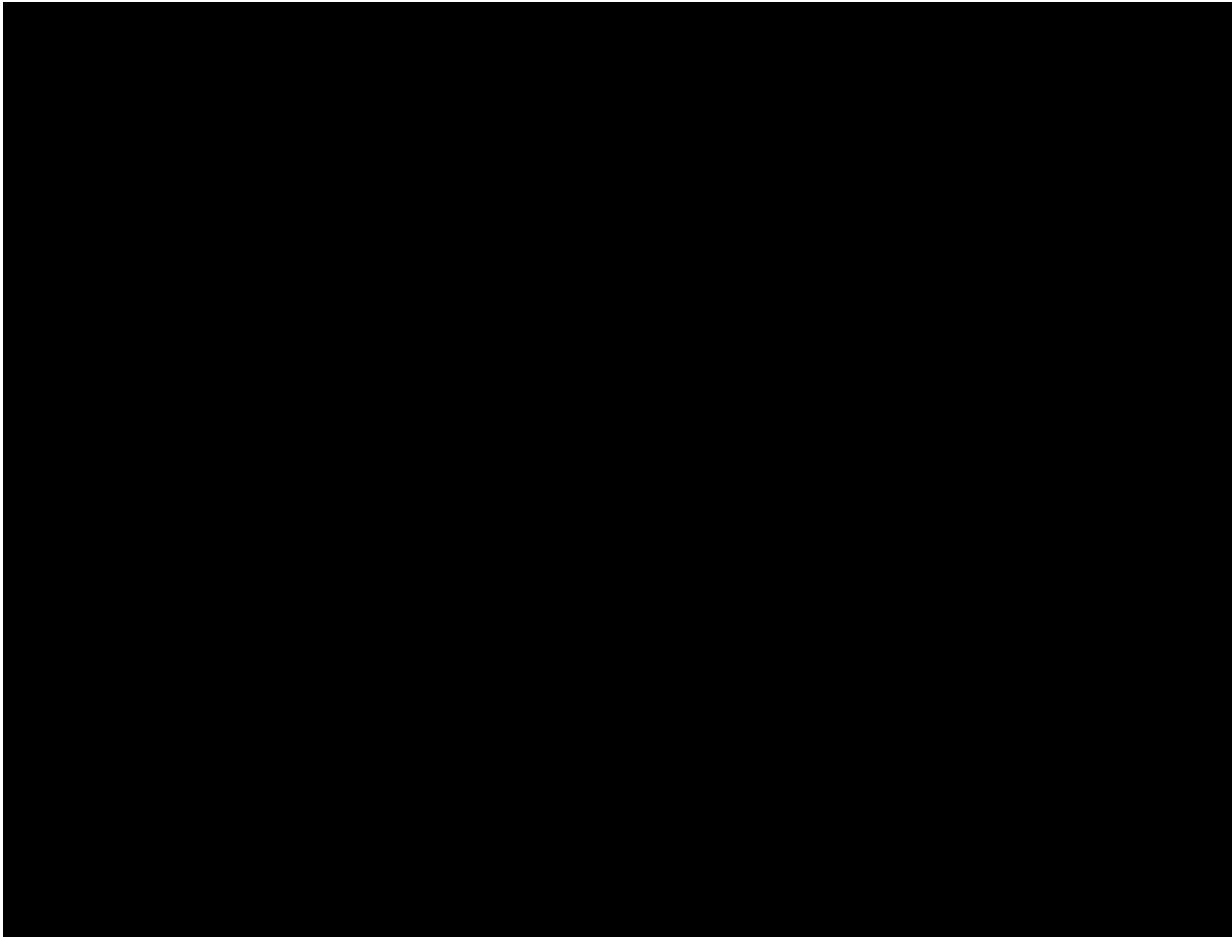


Photo 5 - South East section of Property full view



We hope in light of this information the Department will review this potential zoning decision and deem the entire property Urban Capable and or consult with us further. We are more than happy to discuss this with a Department Representative and or simply allow access to the property as we believe a site inspection will be more reliable than the aerial assessment conducted.

Kind Regards,

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