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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 31 October 2020 2:22 PM
To: DPE PS Biodiversity Mailbox
Cc: Nathaniel Smith; [REDACTED]
Subject: AGAINST WILTON REZONING

Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan Submission

We write to provide comment on the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (the 'Draft').

We are the owners of affected land proposed for environmental conservation (E2) zoning.

Relevant Lot: [REDACTED]

We vehemently object to this rezoning.

In the last few years, we have been subjected to:

- An airport proposal (waste of 20 Million dollars). No one seemed to care about the koalas and rezoning land to E2 then.
- Plans changing every 5 minutes. We are included in the plan, we aren't included in the plan, we are back in the plan and now we are being rezoned to E2!
- Koala fencing and a cattle grid.
- Drought
- Bushfires.
- Deaths on Picton Rd.
- Covid 19

The list goes on. We have had enough!

We received a letter from the Department of Planning AFTER the Draft was released. We feel blindsided. There has been NO community consultation. We have just been dumped with this.

The letter itself is very confusing to the average person and the links provided were inadequate to find "the viewer" that was supposed to help landowners identify if their land was affected by the plan. And there was no instruction on how to use the viewer. It's almost as if you didn't want people to see the map or the filters.....

We purchased this land zoned RU2 so we could keep our horses and dogs. We also believed that over time it was a wise investment for our future. By rezoning to E2 you will slash the value of our property because future owners will be subjected to harsh restrictions. If you are going to make such a decision at least have the decency to come and meet with landowners face to face and actually inspect our properties with us.

It seems to us that the winners in this decision are the investors and developers. You are choosing to affect small rural holdings rather than make the large developers surrender some of their land. We chose to live in a small rural community, and we understand that the population is spreading, and we also understand the importance of protecting our environment. If you bothered to consult with us, you would know that we do maintain our properties for animals and plants that live here. That is why we bought here!

What terrifies us with E2 zoning is the increase in bushfire risk. You are essentially preventing us from protecting our own properties and those close by. Explain to us how this is good planning.

We don't think you have considered how this proposal will affect the small landowners. We have had very little impact (if any) on the biodiversity of the region and yet we are having our property rights curtailed. Instead you should be looking at what land has been cleared in the last decade and reclaim some of that to meet biodiversity targets.

Yours sincerely

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