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Hello, I am a resident of Wilton and I've become aware of a proposal by the nsw planning department to rezone what are rural properties from ru1 to E2 with the intention of offsetting the loss of potential habitats by the government approved and sponsored housing developments which have been thrust onto the local population. This would have an immediate effect on the land values and land use/development potential for affected properties and is absolutely inequitable.

If this proposal is in fact being considered by the department and/or by environment minister Keane, it should be understood that we as a community consider this to be a shameless bureaucratic resumption of the property rights of affected landowners to absolve developers from their responsibilities to offset enough scrubland to support whatever wildlife is in the locality of their development.

There's thousands of hectares of water catchment, national parks, wildlife reserves and sympathetic farmers surrounding Wollondilly shire so there's no need to apply draconian land rezonings which effectively destroy land values for the small holders, when the lands available to preserve native habitats are already in existence. The environment and planning departments have completely overstepped their remit on this proposal and it must not proceed. Why was the map showing affected properties removed from the Internet before submissions closed?

Why didn't everyone who owned rural property get a full and frank advisory from planning about this hare-brained idea? We were enlightened by our local member, but had no idea otherwise of this proposal.

And why are developers being considered for such a massive windfall at the expense of many small rural landholders?

The proposal must not proceed.

Regards,

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