

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to make known my issues with the Draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan, particularly as it relates to the property at [REDACTED] Wilton 2571.

As someone who has been very familiar with both the property and its two owners over the past 8 years [REDACTED] I can't say I was particularly impressed with the verdict that this land is valuable for conservation efforts. In the shortest way possible, I would say that property is degraded grazing land, with trees in the paddocks for shelter and grass for horses and cows, and the odd goat escaping from a neighbouring property.

Although I am very supportive of all conservation efforts for our nation's beautiful and unique flora and fauna, and application of the Biodiversity Assessment Method by an accredited assessor shows that this particular part of Wilton has minimal biodiversity. Great measures have already been taken to make this land suitable for our native animals, and they have not been successful in attracting anything but wild rabbits, and maybe a fox or two. Certainly, I have never seen anything more precious and endangered in the area than the kangaroos that are common all around the area. There are multiple biodiversity experts who will testify that your efforts in this location are entirely uninformed.

If you would take my opinion, I would say that any plan that truly cares about the wildlife, and the general biosphere, of the Wollondilly area would do better to supervise housing projects in truly valuable locations. For example, the construction taking place in the village of Menangle, not far away. This construction takes place in a location surrounded by some of the most precious and historically important agricultural properties in the state, if not the entire country. Within a matter of few kilometres, this includes the Rotary Dairy, Belgenny Farm, and Mount Taurus, as well as a local swimming spot where the Nepean River runs through the hills. These spots are not only important to human history, but our future, and that of the animals who thrive there. The idea of *these* areas being developed for subdivision, and the property at Wilton being exempted in any way from what Menangle will suffer, is disgusting to us all. You are prioritising the wrong place.

It is my strong recommendation that you reconsider your evaluation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and take into account the opinion of one who has lived in the Wollondilly Shire her entire life.

Cheers all

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