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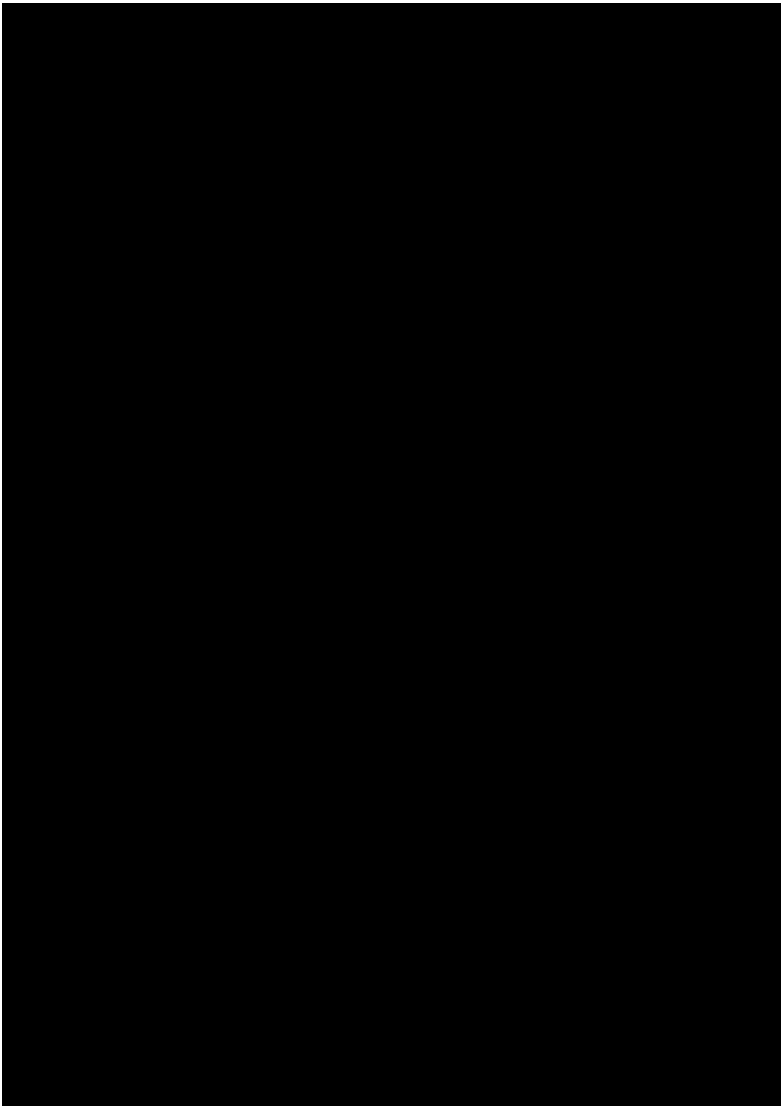
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Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Cumberland plain conservation plan.

I first wanted to let you know that when we went to find our property on the spatial viewer it did not come up in the search bar. We refer to our property as Wilton but it is described as Douglas park – it's on the border but something to be aware of in the tool? Other users may have similar issues.

Our property is [REDACTED] [Douglas Park](#) below:



Whilst we note that we are not affected by the proposed E2 zoning, we will be affected by Strategic Conservation Area. We believe a majority of our land would lend itself to conservation but we are curious as to the way that certain areas seem to be excluded on the adjoining properties when they are covered in vegetation? Is there a clear way in which this zoning was applied? Are you able to explain to us how that works? We have posted the picture above with aerials to show how large areas of vegetation are not covered, yet rural looking land seems to have a strategic conservation zone over it?

Will having this Strategic Conservation Zone affect my resale value or any future conservation agreements on the site? Also if we can no longer use our land as freely for Rural activity should we get a rate reprieve? Or an incentive to protect our land? Will the State be assisting Council in the long term costs incurred through either loss of revenue or conservation programs?

We have noticed when we started looking at other parts of Wilton that there seems to be urban capable land dedicated for development, and then some areas dedicated for conservation in a green colour. We are curious as to why that would go over land that has been historically cleared and has houses on it and then other areas, such as Bingara Gorge, be excluded from such zoning? The picture below shows land along Peel Street completely covered but vegetated land along Ashwood road not covered in green or

dedicated for conservation. Similarly the Bingara Gorge development to the north seems to have no conservation on it,, you could argue it has an existing environmental area but the destruction that has been “lawfully” enabled in this location, it seems like a missed opportunity to keep some conservation areas locked up like the rest of the areas.



We believe Wilton has got a lot of beautiful fauna and flora and worthy of protection, but it seems that the large developers have their area clearly marked out and the rest of the people who have enjoyed their lives here and call wilton their home and community just get vague consultation and are left to accept that all these changes are coming through, merely to make developers richer and disadvantage the long term residents of the area.

The State has not put forward any decent transport planning with the exception of road upgrades, how many more fatalities will it take to actually get lights or a better intersection at Almond Street Wilton? Or a widened road along Picton road where speed, heavy vehicles and lack of overtaking lanes induces poor driver behaviour and decision making. The only decent step forward has been the koala fencing, which has saved more than just koalas as the amount of roadkill along this stretch of road was previously depressing.

On the topic of koalas, what will happen in the event of wildfires, it seems that fencing is put in and then there are no other provisions to manage the animals. How will domestic animals be managed in the new developments? I suspect you will say it is a function of the Council, who are already under-resourced, should developers not contribute a levy to protect native animals from domestic pets? Should there not be provisions or additional buffers to protect native wildlife and stop attacks from domestic pets?

Lastly, the plan doesn't not address water, water is precious, the animals rely on fresh water. We are concerned that if treatment of stormwater and waste water isn't of the highest solutions, then the water

ways will become weed infested and polluted. This won't be very helpful for the corridor or animals migrating through them long term, is there a benchmark or threshold for aquatic fauna?

Thank you for taking the time to read our submission. We do welcome protection of the environment, but hope that it is applied in an equitable manner across the community and landscape. We worry that not applying it robustly and equitably will still cause developers and careless people to exploit the natural environment at the detriment of biodiversity.

Thank you

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