

# Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment

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Director of Infrastructure  
Department of Planning and Environment  
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Dear Sir,

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment is an organisation of over 1300 members and supporters whose mission is to seek permanent environmental protection for the bushland within Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.

## **Biodiversity Offsets – must be sourced locally**

We note that the planned works will damage or destroy a swathe of Duffy's Forest Endangered Ecological community – with an estimated biodiversity credit required of 237 points and species credits for Red Crowned Toadlets of 17points.

The EIS states that offset sources have not been determined and areas all over NSW will be considered. We object to these credits being found in other parts of NSW.

We know local offsets are available and demand that all credits be sourced from bushland within the local area – some have already been lodged by Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council on the biobanking website. More are being assessed and can be provided locally.

## **Wildlife corridors – need for north-south connectivity**

We are pleased that some mitigation measures like fauna fencing, culvert and rope bridges are to be positioned over Wakehurst Parkway and Aquatic Drive.

However, the north-south wildlife corridor to the East of Wakehurst Parkway is a regional wildlife corridor of highest significance and is proposed to be fully cut without mitigation measures. No vegetated fauna crossings, culverts or rope/ canopy bridges are planned to mitigate this and this fact is only accessible when reading the detailed EIS.

This is unacceptable. We request that measures such as those proposed for Mona Vale Road be employed to provide wildlife movements between bushland to the south and north of Warringah Road. Even though, as mentioned in the EIS, the road will be wide and the patches of bushland are small, these bush areas are vital parts of the regional wildlife corridor – more important now that so much vegetation has been removed for the hospital itself.

## **Water runoff – mitigation needed to protect creeks**

Water runoff patterns will be greatly altered, adding to the erosion and weed infestation of local creeks. We are concerned that the proposed mitigation measures are not sufficient to prevent erosion and weeds. We would appreciate more attention being given to this issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. C. Bennett'.

Judith Bennett, President