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To: [Lawrence Huang](#); [Rebecca Sommer](#)
Subject: Bungarribee Zoo + plus concerns at Upper Castlereagh (Re: Response to Submissions Notification - SSD 7228 Sydney Zoo)
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Dear Lawrence / Rebecca,

Thank you very much.

Re RTS do you know anyone who is or was in the past a heritage officer or similar for WATER matters .. as I have nominated as heritage an old stone ruin jutting out into the water on Parramatta River and Council says it is not their jurisdiction.

And thank you very much for inviting me to comment on what RTS has said, as below re the SYDNEY ZOO plan for Bungarribee.

The main thing about Bungarribee in my opinion is that it is looking "nice" ... as any cared-for area would but it also was an area which many people once rightly or wrongly thought was going to head (after NSW Government acquisition from the Commonwealth) into parkland.

Certainly some parkland or open space will be remain but the main policy seen manifested for Bungarribee has been to put a "bit of everything" there .. first off a new housing mini-suburb and now a big zoo too.

On its own merits the zoo sounds spectacular but a worry is that the "lets have a bit of everything" Bungarribee model might now be applied by Planning to the Upper Castlereagh area (Penrith Lakes) - now that all quarrying stopped there a few months ago.

For Upper Castlereagh/Penrith Lakes, this became in its time veritably the "Biggest Sand and Gravel Quarry in Australia" .. something said about it by the quarries consortium ("PLDC") themselves.

Many people back at the beginning of quarrying that area thought that when it was all over this would become a big park.

But NOT if the "Bungarribee model" gets applied there.

Is there any cause for grave concern?

Well ... maybe !!!?

I have just very recently found that a bill has just passed one house of Parliament called:

Legislative Council (2016-05-04)

Classification: Bills

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AMENDMENT (ADJUSTMENT OF AREAS) BILL 2016

First Reading

Bill introduced, and read a first time and ordered to be printed on motion by the Hon. John Ajaka.

This (now second?) reading of the Bill contains that it will remove the "remove the inappropriate reservation of Penrith Lakes Regional Park a former road, a 10-metre strip of land 660 metres long that has no public access, no facilities and no recreational or conservation values. This bill will address this completely inappropriate reservation that was made by the Labor Government in 1998".

I am not sure if this is just a move to reclassify the actual type of reserve classification of that land or to make it land with no form of reserve at all over it (which might then allow re-zoning for housing)?

This same **NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AMENDMENT (ADJUSTMENT OF AREAS) BILL 2016** also revoked some National Park land at St Ives to give it over to a gun club ----- so clearly some of whoever are behind this Bill are not to be trusted too naively.

Anyway, I do not know the fine details of those matters yet.

But I will get back to you soon with my comment for your invitation to comment on the Response to Submissions (RTS) put forward by Sydney Zoo Pty Ltd for the proposed Sydney Zoo, Western Sydney Parklands, Bungaribee (SSD 7228).

I will probably comment this day ... and what I have written above is just general observation (+ suspicion/fear) if anyone is taking a wider interest in the Cumberland Plain/Basin at Planning. Re the quality of the Bill referred to, I strongly suspect the mere "former road" it refers to as if it had no values as all, is Castlereagh Road a VERY historic road. My folks, including great-grandfather, father, mother and less direct relatives are buried along that portrayed-worthless road. That road already has THREE heritage listings directly over it, several heritage listings ALONG it, on heritage nomination directly over it (of the road itself) made by myself (the suggestion to strip part of it back to the underlying original road which is made of river cobbles and preserve that on view as heritage), and another heritage nomination besides it (of the "Pioneer Grove" trees planting).

Along Castlereagh Road I found that the heritage item (house ruin) immediately north of the Wesleyan Church at Upper Castlereagh was (unlike on all former visits) covered with bulldozer like tractor-tread marks AND EVERYTHING THAT HAD BEEN VISIBLE THERE BEFORE had now vanished!

Who did this, where is the heritage impact statement, I asked the Director of Office of Penrith Lakes. He offered to try and find out for me by the time I was set to visit him a month or so afterwards. But when I did visit him he had no info for me, and said sorry but he'd been phoning Planning but could not find anyone who knew anything.

Could that information .. who approved this strong impact upon a listed heritage item there be found out for me please?

Best Regards,

John Byrnes

(St Ives)

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a letter inviting you to comment on the Response to Submissions (RTS) put forward by Sydney Zoo Pty Ltd for the proposed Sydney Zoo, Western Sydney Parklands, Bungarribee (SSD 7228).

The RTS addresses issues raised in submissions received during the public exhibition of the Applicant's Environmental Impact Statement.

The RTS can be found on the Department's website at the link below:

http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=7228

If you would like to comment on the RTS, please do so by **Thursday 9 June 2016**.

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