

Lendlease subverted Biobanks provide little Koala habitat/corridor protection

There is nothing in Lendlease's master plan that says "koala habitat" or acknowledges its important bridging location, it's a very ordinary subdivision, but where we see the complete disdain for Koala conservation is expressed in its Biobanking regime. There are four issues important to biobanking that have been undermined:

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Figure 3: Mt Gilead Biodiversity Certification Assessment Area and location of existing conser (two proposed Biobank sites within the BCAA), and potential Biobank sites outside the BCAA

1. **Proximity:** If Lendlease was serious it would have used the land it has east of Appin Rd near the site as a Biobank, not Fernhill 40 km away. Preference must be for on-site, then **adjacent sites**, then at least biobanks within the Macarthur Growth Area.
2. **Zoning :** The Macarthur Onslow - Mt Gilead and Noorumba - Mt Gilead biobanks have been zoned Public Recreation RE1 and Rural RU1 rather than **Environmental E2** this has allowed Lendlease to include water detention basins, play equipment, etc, within them. Their primary purpose has been subverted to provide infrastructure needed for subdivisions.
3. **Additionality:** Campbelltown Council reserve Noorumba is a state biobank, a Council site that is already a Bush Reserve maintained by volunteers, it thus provides no additional Koala habitat protection to replace Koala habitat that will be removed on site. This is the point of offsets.
4. **Shape :** The Red Flagged - avoidance areas are vegetation islands, not connected to anything. All biobanks need to be connected and part of wildlife corridors between a minimum of **100m (EPBC - corridor) to at least 425m (Biolink - habitable width)** wide.

