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Dear South West Sydney Planning Panel,

RE: Walker's Koala Fencing Proposal 2019

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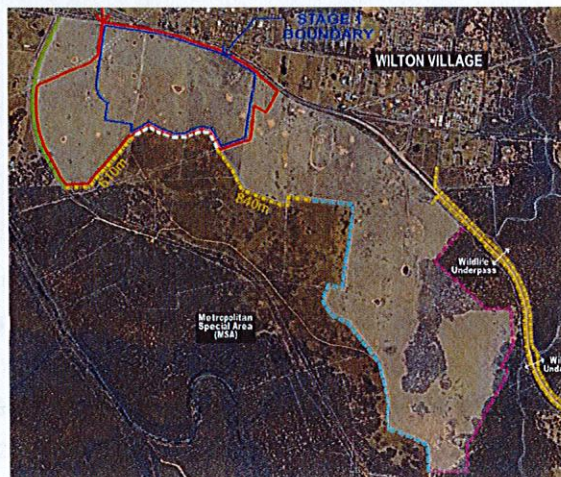
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TEC agrees with the principles in this **Draft Wilton Growth Area DCP** relating to Part 5 that outline **'Sustainability and Biodiversity Controls'**. However, **Schedule 1 - the Koala Fencing Plan** for the SE Wilton masterplan that is attached to this DCP and replicated in Steve Ward's EMM letter (11th Sep. 2019) do not in anyway reflect these principles. **The Koala fencing plan must be rejected and replaced by the fencing and conservation requirements already outlined in the OEH report 'Conserving Koalas in the Wollondilly and Campbelltown LGAs' (2018).** The images below contrast the two different approaches to dealing with Koalas corridors in the Walkers SE Wilton Masterplan. This particular corridor is Allen's creek.

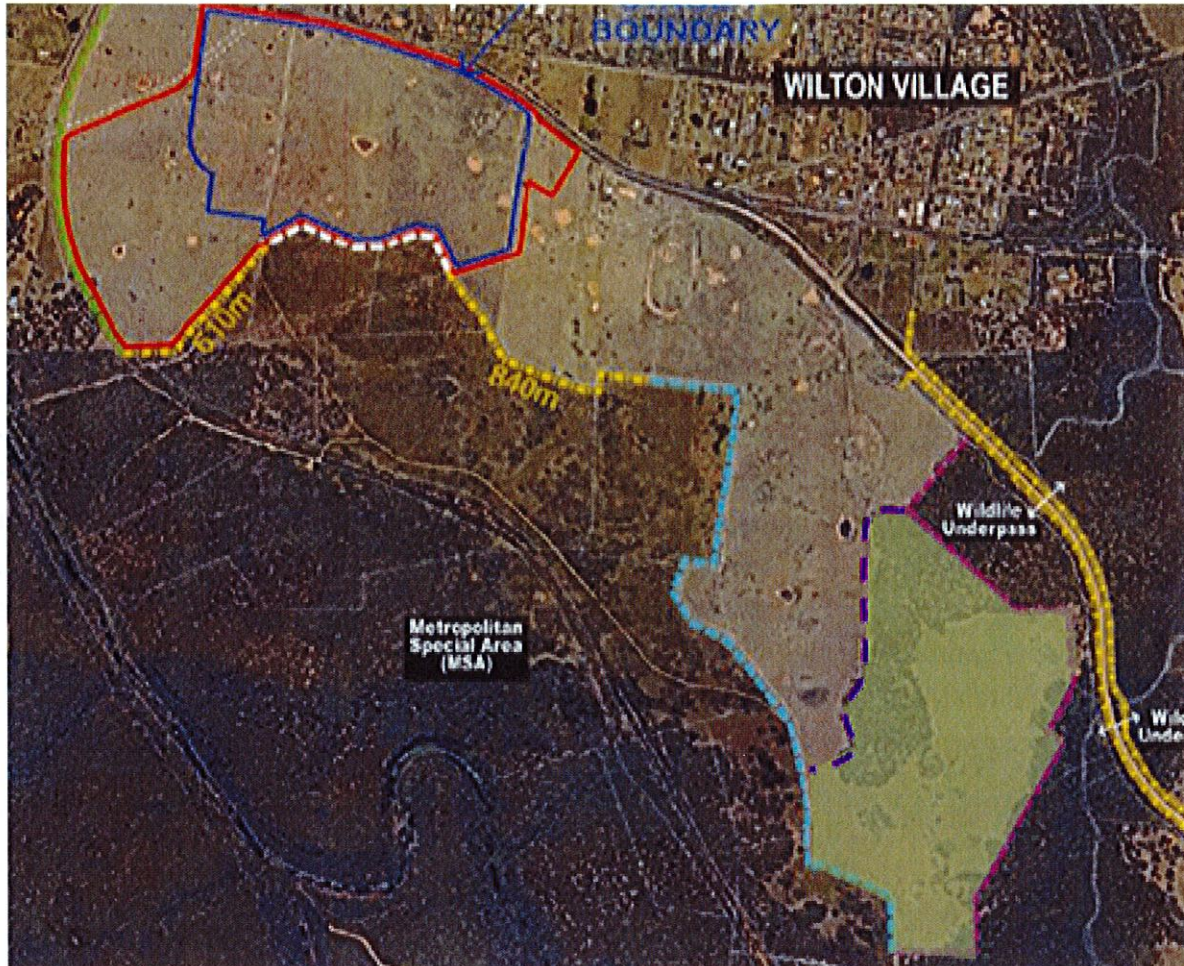


OEH's (2018) analysis. Green areas are priority revegetation areas. Blue areas are primary Koala habitat. Yellow dots Koala sightings, red crosses Koala deaths. Their fencing proposal keeps people out of Koala habitat and reveg areas.



Ward's (2019) multi coloured staged fencing diagram plans to keep Koalas out of the whitewashed area. That is a fencing proposal that plans to keep Koalas out of Koala Habitat (Zoned E2) ! See the dissected vegetated thumb in the bottom right hand corner.

The Koala fencing diagram put forward by Walker will exclude Koalas, from land zoned environmental (E2) for them ! The **Koala fence must follow the purple dotted line and enclose the green area.**



Part 5 of this DCP states under Clause 14 that ***Small patches of habitat should be retained where possible and measures taken to mitigate edge effects, maintain patch diversity and other relevant threats.*** Clause 15 aims to *Protect the integrity and continuity of wildlife by ensuring; a. Sufficient corridors to support koala communities, with a minimum preferred width of 425m for primary corridors.* Neither of these principles of its own DCP are even met !

Walker's masterplan has not been through any Biodiversity Certification process, there are no offsets or biobanks being put aside, for the Koala habitat that Walker will remove or exclude Koalas from. It must first be assessed as a stand alone development under the TS Act or under the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (CPCP), to have any type of positive conservation outcome.

Yours Sincerely *Saul Deane*