Terms of Reference:
Advice regarding the protection of the Campbelltown Koala population

To provide advice to the Minister for Energy and Environment and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces about:

- The adequacy of the proposed measures for koala conservation proposed by property group Lendlease on land referred to as Mt Gilead Stage 2 (MG2) and the consistency of these measures with the NSW Koala strategy.
- Whether any additional conservation measures are considered necessary.
- Whether, if any, site specific measures for koala species should be incorporated into the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan for the Greater Macarthur Growth Area to support the long-term viability of the koala population.
- Whether east-west corridors linking the Nepean and Georges Rivers can contribute to the conservation of the Campbelltown koala population; and, if so, which east-west corridors and what measures should be taken to ensure their effectiveness.

In preparing this advice the Chief Scientist & Engineer will review existing science and relevant documentation including:

- NSW Koala Strategy
- Independent Review into the Decline of Koala Populations in Key Areas of NSW, NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer, 2010.
- Koala Corridor Project Campbelltown City Council and Wollondilly Local Government Areas Greater Macarthur Growth Area, Biolink Consultants, October 2018.
- South Campbelltown Koala Habitat Connectivity Study prepared for Campbelltown City Council, Biolink Consultants, 2017.
- Mt Gilead Stage 1 Biodiversity Certification Agreement.
- Application for biodiversity certification for Mt Gilead Stage 2, Campbelltown City Council, August 2019.
- Greater Macarthur 2040: An interim Plan for the Greater Macarthur Growth Area, Department of Planning and Environment.
- Section 3.25 consultation – Proposed amendments to Growth Centres SEPP to declare Greater Macarthur as Growth Area, Office of Environment and Heritage, March 2019.
- Any other documentation, science and previous reports that are considered relevant.

Reporting timeframe
The advice will be provided in a report by 30 April 2020.
**Expert Panel**
An Independent Expert Panel, chaired by the Deputy NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, will be established to provide advice.

**Support**
Secretariat support will be provided by the Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will also provide support. The agency contact is Kate Wilson, Executive Director Climate Change and Sustainability, Environment, Energy and Science.