

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY OF THE NSW
BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS SCHEME**

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The Biodiversity Offset Scheme is failing to reach its objective, of allowing developers to meet their commitment to conserve a proportion of their development for biodiversity conservation, but to allow an equivalent biodiverse piece to be provided as an offset.

In Campbelltown, NSW. the Council is allowing a developer to use a council owned reserve to be used as as Offset for a payment or service, but not a provision of an equivalent biodiverse parcel of land.

In this instance Noorumba Reserve (the offset) would benefit from the addition of more land from the adjacent development, but the agreement from a development company,(that might not exist in the future), for ongoing maintenance , is a poor bargain by the Council, and probably under values the Reserve, even if it is operational land that Council may sell.