

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

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I wish to make a submission concerning the proposed Off sets proposal enquiry.

It is disturbing to learn that agencies used to decide environmental offsets are also prospering from these. This is not what the people of NSW expect of so called environmental experts.

Offsets are too often used to justify developments which impinge on important wildlife habitats eg SW Sydney Mt Gilead development which is in known koala habitat and wildlife corridors. No offsets can replace these areas. Developers must not be allowed to justify their rampant destruction of critical wildlife habitat with so called offsets.

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