VISION: Sydney's Koala Belt and Corridors

NSW largest (maybe only) recovering Koala colony

Connects Koala colonies north, south, west - allows recolonisation

Potential for a world great walks circumnavigating Sydney

River recreation, active links and tourist business opportunities

Australia's earliest Frontier Heritage
NSW Koala Strategy (p21) - South West Sydney:

The NSW Government has committed $114 million in the first 5 years of the draft Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan for early implementation actions. Some of these actions have a strong focus on koalas, including:

- Establishing new reserves and biodiversity stewardship sites to protect important koala habitat, including the 1830 hectares Georges River Koala Reserve
- Restoring up to 80 hectares of koala habitat within the Georges River Koala Reserve
- Installing koala exclusion fencing and constructing two fauna crossings to allow movement across Appin Road.

INITIAL CAMPAIGN SUCCESS BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN

TEC WILL CONTINUE AIMING FOR MORE RESERVES AND CORRIDORS TO LINK HABITATS AND ALLOW KOALA POPULATION EXPANSION
What the science says:
Chief Scientist identified 5 corridors along Appin Road, 4 that cross it. (A,B,C,D,E)
Campbelltown Koala Plan identified 2 corridors (A & B) that cross Appin Road.
Widths of 390m-425m

Dept Planning weakened protections:
‘no need for east - west corridors’ – ‘exclusion fencing down Appin Road (east)’ to maximise developable area to west breached width requirement used to Biocertify Stage 1,
Lendlease Gilead plan Stage 2?
Chief Scientist and Campbelltown Plan Corridors: TEC’s application of 390m-425m wide riparian corridors to Gilead
Light green is the corridors and widths required for Koalas by Chief Scientist and Campbelltown Plan

Dark Green is approx the corridor fragments Lendlease will leave for Koala Habitat

Lendlease’s Gilead (Figtree Hill)

Stage 1

Stage 2

(A)

(B)

(C)

Nepean River