

Land dedication criteria for the CPCP

Offers of land dedication to the department

A possible alternative to paying the strategic biodiversity component is an offer to dedicate land to the Department of Planning and Environment (the department) through a voluntary planning agreement.

Dedicating land to the department will not be appropriate or practicable across all land in the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan (CPCP) area. The department has developed a set of criteria to assess whether land offered for dedication is of sufficient biodiversity value to reduce or remove the need to pay the strategic biodiversity component monetary contribution for the CPCP.

Criteria

Land will be considered for dedication in lieu of payment of the strategic biodiversity component where all of the following criteria are met:

1. There is an extensive area (large enough to form an independent reserve, or adjacent to an existing reserve) of Cumberland Plain Woodland (CEEC) on site that meets the condition criteria as an offset for the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act and the EPBC Act OR there is a known population/location of a CPCP targeted threatened species on site:
 - i. *Cynanchum elegans*
 - ii. *Dillwynia tenuifolia*
 - iii. *Grevillea juniperina* subsp. *juniperina* (*Juniper-leaved Grevillea*)
 - iv. *Hibbertia fumana*
 - v. *Hibbertia puberula*
 - vi. *Marsdenia viridiflora* subsp. *viridiflora*
 - vii. *Persoonia nutans* (*Nodding Geebung*)
 - viii. *Pimelea spicata* (*Spiked Rice-flower*)
 - ix. *Pultenaea parviflora*
 - x. *Pultenaea pedunculata* (*Matted Bush-pea*)
 - xi. *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (*White-bellied Sea-Eagle*)
 - xii. *Hieraaetus morphnoides* (*Little Eagle*)
 - xiii. *Lophoictinia isura* (*Square-tailed kite*)
 - xiv. *Meridolum corneovirens* (*Cumberland Plain Land Snail*)
 - xv. *Myotis macropus* (*Southern Myotis*); AND
2. It is confirmed in writing to the department by the relevant delivery partner/s that they will accept the land transfer and manage that land in perpetuity; AND
3. Managing the land as a state asset will result in better biodiversity protection than if retained by the current landowner.

The department may also accept land dedications for land that is part of three areas identified in the CPCP as potential National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) reserves even if it does not meet all of the above criteria – the Georges River Koala Reserve, the Confluence, and Gulguer Nature Reserve.

The department may choose to accept a land dedication where a proposed dedication does not meet one or more of the above criteria in exceptional circumstances. In such circumstances, the justification as to why a criterion has not been met must be clearly documented and a decision recorded demonstrating how the dedication replaces the need to deliver against one or more of the CPCP's other actions or commitments.