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Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your email to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure seeking the further protection of Cumberland Plain Woodland on the former Australian Defence Industries site, St Marys and seeking the Government's intervention to halt development. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

Thank you for your submission. I have noted the material provided in your recent liaison with the Minister's office.

As you are aware the *Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No 30 – St Marys* currently protects 900 hectares of Cumberland Plain Woodland. Proposals to amend the plan for the purposes of expanding the environmental protection on the site should, in the first instance, be raised with the Minister for Environment and Heritage.

Notwithstanding this, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will continue to work with the Office of Environment and Heritage to implement opportunities seeking to protect Cumberland Plain Woodland on the site.

Concerning the current development applications either approved by Penrith Council or before Penrith Council for determination, the State Government does not hold a role, nor does it have power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to intervene.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Peter Goth, Plan Making and Urban Renewal - Sydney West Planning Teams, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Mr Goth can be contacted on telephone number (02) 9873 8500.

Yours sincerely

Craig Baumann MP
Parliamentary Secretary *23 Sep 11*