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The Editor  
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Dear Weekender,

Last weeks Weekender had a clarification which is also totally incorrect. The so-called clarification was in relation to an article title 'War of Words' in which David Bradbury and Louise Markus were arguing over a motion by Ms Markus to establish a Greater Western Sydney Conservation Corridor (GWSCC). Both were trying to take the environmental high moral ground. David Bradbury voted against the motion yet had previously supported the creation of a Cumberland Conservation Corridor (CCC). The GWSCC and the CCC are one and the same.

I fully understand why David Bradbury voted against the motion because it was essentially a politically loaded motion attacking the ALP and failed to detail how any real conservation outcomes could be achieved.

The issue of have with the truth in the Weekender clarification is that someone from the ALP has asked for a correction and claimed the CCC has already been established, this is clearly incorrect. The Weekender clearly failed to check if this correction request was itself accurate.

As the person who developed the name and concept for the CCC and who first called for the Federal Government to fund its creation I can tell you the CCC is simply being used as a political football and is light years from becoming a reality. The CCC exists in concept only and the roadblocks to its creation are numerous including: the NSW Environment Dept's refusal to accept it as being viable, the Fed Environment Dept only being a funding body and relying on the advice from the NSW Govt on what land to buy and lastly and most importantly Penrith Councils flawed LEP which fails to recognise the CCC and allows the Priority Conservation Lands needed for the CCC to be zoned RU4 which allows development and subdivision to 2 hectares.

The small amount of funding from the Feds in 2007 only saved a tiny area of the land needed for the CCC and it now stands as an isolated remnant. No Cumberland Plain Woodland has yet been saved with the Federal funding alluded to by David Bradbury.

Details of the Markus motion are here [www.wsca.org.au](http://www.wsca.org.au)

Yours truly,

Geoff Brown

Troy any conservation matters considered by the Weekender we are probably on top of so it could pay to give us a call first. Your journo should of picked up our lobbying and involvement in the CCC as it is easily searched through Google.