

Spatial viewer glossary

This glossary is a consolidated list of glossary terms from the [Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan \(CPCP\) glossary](#).

For help using the spatial viewer, a short video on 'how to use the spatial viewer' can be found on www.planning.nsw.gov.au/CPCPmapping

Key terms

Already protected land

Already protected land is used to describe areas with an existing designation of protection from development for environmental reasons, including national parks, nature reserves, or land protected under a NSW State Environment Planning Policy.

Biodiversity and Conservation SEPP

The Strategic Conservation Planning Chapter of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 will ensure that development in the nominated areas is consistent with the commitments and actions of the CPCP.

The Strategic Conservation Planning chapter of the SEPP also identifies avoided land, the strategic conservation area and certified-urban capable land and applies development controls to these areas to support implementation of the CPCP.

CPCP area

The CPCP area covers around 200,000 hectares and includes the Cumberland IBRA subregion and some minor areas of the adjacent Sydney Cataract and Wollemi IBRA subregions. It extends from 10 kilometres north of Windsor to Picton in the south, and from the Hawkesbury-Nepean River in the west to east near Liverpool. It includes sections of eight Local Government Areas – Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Penrith, Blacktown and Hawkesbury.

Georges River Koala Reserve

The Georges River Koala Reserve is a reserve identified in the CPCP to support koala habitat, including the most important north-south koala movement corridor along the Georges River between Appin and Long Point.

Land category

The CPCP and its spatial viewer identify land categories which designate the use and status of that land under the CPCP, within each nominated area. These land categories are certified-urban capable land, certified-major transport corridor, excluded land and avoided land:

- **Certified-urban capable land:** is land identified for future urban development. This land will be biodiversity certified under Part 8 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and approved for urban development under Part 10 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Development in these areas does not require further site by site biodiversity assessment or approval under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, if consistent with the CPCP and its approvals. Other NSW planning and assessment legislation may also apply.

- **Major transport corridor:** is land identified for future transport infrastructure that supports growth in Western Sydney. Major transport corridors include metro rail, freight rail lines, motorways or other transport links. The corridors program is administered by Transport for NSW. Transport corridors that are assessed as part of the CPCP are:
 - Metro Rail future extension from Western Sydney Aerotropolis to Macarthur (except for those areas in the South West Growth Area)
 - Western Sydney Freight Line corridor
 - Outer Sydney Orbital 1 between Box Hill and the Hume Motorway near Menangle
 - M7/Ropes Crossing Link Road

Certified-major transport corridor

Major transport corridors within nominated areas, with the exception of the tunnel sections.

Certified-major transport corridors will be biodiversity certified under the BC Act and included in the CPCP's Western Sydney Major Transport Corridors class of actions description for approval under the EPBC Act.

Major transport corridor (strategically assessed only)

Major transport corridors outside of nominated areas and the tunnels sections both inside and outside of the nominated areas. These corridors will not be biodiversity certified but may form part of a future modification to the CPCP's strategic biodiversity certification. These corridors are included in the CPCP's Western Sydney Major Transport Corridors class of actions description for approval under the EPBC Act.

- **Excluded land:** is land which has been excluded from the CPCP and for which NSW strategic biodiversity certification and the Commonwealth strategic assessment approval will not be sought. Land was excluded for reasons including, where development approvals or other relevant processes already exist, including land already developed.
- **Avoided land:** is the land that has been avoided from development and which represents areas of high biodiversity values to be protected. It is determined by applying the avoidance criteria and will be subject to development controls to avoid or minimise impacts on biodiversity.

Protected koala habitat

Koala habitat that has been included in the CPCP strategic conservation area and/or the avoided land. It includes some areas of cleared land that may be restored to enhance koala corridors and habitat.

Strategic conservation area

The strategic conservation area was determined using the Conservation Priorities Method and represents large remnants of regionally significant biodiversity with good connectivity, or areas with the potential to enhance connectivity in the CPCP Area. The strategic conservation area will be used to identify potential conservation lands for further investigation.

Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs)

An ecological community may be listed by the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW) and/or the Commonwealth Threatened Species Scientific Committee under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). A threatened ecological community may be listed as vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered depending on the level of threat and risk of its collapse.