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Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for your letter of 15 April 2004 regarding the possibility of the presence of Koalas on the Australian Defence Industries (ADI) site and in western Sydney generally.

I understand that Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) officers are planning to visit the ADI site in the near future for the purpose of undertaking a site inspection. This will address matters raised by your group, including the possibility of koalas on the site.

However, I would like to stress that while the DEC is not responsible for conducting surveys on the site, the DEC informs me that since 1994, the ADI site has been the subject of extensive surveys and studies. No koalas have ever been located during these surveys.

The DEC will be contacting you shortly to provide you with further details of the inspection.

Yours sincerely

**Bob Debus**