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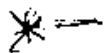


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Mr Geoff Brown  
Convenor  
ADI Residents Action Group  
PO Box 4134  
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Dear Geoff,

Council has, since the proposal to develop the ADI site was first formulated by the Federal Government, taken a sensible and responsible position on the ADI site to ensure positive outcomes for our community. Council was instrumental in guaranteeing that the site was used in a balanced way that would bring benefits to our community now and into the future.



Council was the only authority to support the community campaign for preservation and its good work resulted in securing the preservation of some 900 hectares of important bushland. Our determined advocacy to both Federal agencies that were responsible for the proposal and State agencies that were responsible for the carriage of planning and zoning issues resulted in a development half the size of the original proposal. Two-thirds of the site will now be preserved.

Council has adopted a sensible, responsible and balanced approach, which will mean sustainable housing will be available so that residents can continue to live in the area. This



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means our children will have homes and residents that have spent their entire lives here can continue to live in the area while enjoying the conserved bushland.

I support Council's approach and believe this balance of some development with vast preservation of the land which contains important biological features is the only practical and realistic way forward.

As regards the floodplain, Council has previously raised concerns over the impacts of the filling of flood liable areas of the site. Council's Interim Policy for the Development of Flood Liable Land does not generally support the filling of flood liable land.

The outcomes that Council has achieved are sustainable and sound and ensure that the vital natural heritage and ecologically important parts of the ADI site are preserved for now and into the future. Council has also worked hard to ensure that facilities supplying social development are available and that we meet our policy target of creating one new job for each new workforce participant resident.

Council has lobbied for more than a decade on this issue and has both undertaken itself and insisted others conduct many studies to ensure the correct decisions were taken. That same precautionary approach will be taken as we move through the development stage of this proposal.

Thanks to the hard work of this Council over many years, the community has achieved the best feasible outcome for the ADI site.



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The sale of the land is not a Council issue, but the planning of the site is a matter that Council will work diligently with to ensure the hard won balanced outcome is maximised to optimal benefit for our community.

The fauna on the ADI site is a matter currently being investigated by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and I encourage you to contact them to discuss the issue.

You can be assured that if I am re-elected I will continue to support the sound ecological results achieved by this Council. I can also assure you a truly balanced and sustainable future of this new place in our vibrant and diverse city where residents can continue to enjoy our unique lifestyle envied by many.

Yours faithfully

Greg Davies

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