

ADI Residents Action Group
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11 December 2003

Att: Mr Geoff Brown

Dear Geoff,

I refer to your letter dated 1st December 2003. Your letter discusses a couple of matters, so I will try to respond to each in turn.

Re: Imogen and Lachlan/CVA site visit

I have already responded to your group in writing on this issue (refer attached email correspondence), as well as making a personal apology to Imogen. The letter, and also the attached quotes in local media at the time explain our position, but please let me know if you would like any further clarification.

The main point I would like to reinforce once again is that we welcome the constructive involvement of community interest groups in our planning work for the development, and the ADIRAG is no exception.

Re: Conservation Volunteers Australia

As discussed with both Hugh and Imogen, we strongly support the principle that the CVA's involvement with various activities on site should be totally non-political. We respect the CVA's philosophies and look forward to their continued involvement (as they see as appropriate) with various site initiatives that will emerge on the site in the future.

We also note that the future owners of the regional park, NPWS, are aware of the CVA's involvement in the African Olive weed removal work that has commenced on site. The NPWS will continue to be part of any proposals for such work in the future regional park. With the Plan of Management process for the park now underway, we expect that numerous other opportunities for improving the biodiversity values of the park will be identified through that process.

Re: Joe Gorman leaving, Arthur Ilias arriving

I advise that I will no longer be the Project director from Christmas 2003. The new Project Director will be Mr Arthur Ilias. One of my sincere wishes in departing is that the ADIRAG chooses to engage with the planning process for the development in a positive way. Please call Arthur or myself at any time if you would like to take up this latest invitation for your involvement.

I would also appreciate it if you could pass my regards on to Hugh, Bernie, Imogen, Noel and the rest of your group. I wish you well.

Yours Faithfully



Joe Gorman



Joseph Gorman
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Subject: ADI Site Access

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Hugh,

Just a quick note to confirm the following:

- I have spoken to Imogen to apologise to herself and Lachlan regarding the circumstances of their removal from within the St Marys property last Friday. I regret the way it was handled, and steps have been taken to ensure it does not happen that way again.
- In talking to Imogen, she requested I write a note to clarify our position regarding site accessability for members of the ADIRAG. Here it is...
 - No visitors to the site are to be permitted in to the site unless it is confirmed (either in advance or upon arrival at the front gate) that they are either an approved member of a visiting group, or an individual with an appointment with a member of the project team.
 - This policy applies to ADIRAG members too. However, the fact is that the relationship with ADIRAG needs to be improved before ADIRAG members would be approved for site access as members of an organised group such as the Conservation Volunteers Australia. ADIRAG members would potentially be allowed on site for meetings with project team members, however to date all such offers of direct communication channels with the ADIRAG (made several times in public forums and in direct verbal invitations over the last few years by myself to members such as yourself, Noel, Mr Kerr and Imogen) have been declined, other than for the macro-fauna working group and the EPP bus tours.
 - It is still the joint venture's desire that communications with the ADIRAG be improved from the current situation. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to establish some form of direct communication protocols.

Hugh, I hope this is of some value.

Regards

Joe