



# Penrith City Council

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Mr Geoff Brown  
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Dear Mr Brown,

**RE : Review of Commonwealth Open Space in Western Sydney**

I refer to your letter dated 21 July 2003 in which you enquire of Council's understanding of the Commonwealth Government's intentions regarding a possible review of Commonwealth owned open space within Western Sydney. I also refer to a meeting held at Council offices on 29 July with yourself, the Mayor and Council staff to discuss Council's position on this review.

Council has sought clarification on this matter from the Office of the Minister for Environment and Heritage. They have advised that the Department of Environment and Heritage has carried out a review of the conservation values of all Commonwealth owned land in Western Sydney with a view to ensuring that any future development of this land is compatible with good conservation practice.

We are also advised that the Commonwealth Government is of the view that the present arrangements achieve a good balance between the desire to conserve an endangered community and the housing pressures in Western Sydney and has no present intention to revisit this arrangement.

It is therefore apparent that the Commonwealth Government has no intention of altering the area of land nominated as Regional Park or the related arrangements within the St Marys Development Agreement. Consequently it would seem that no review of the decision to develop the remaining land within the ADI site for urban purposes is contemplated.

I trust this provides a final clarification as to the intentions of the Commonwealth Government on this matter.

Yours faithfully

**Roger Nethercote**  
Environmental Planning Manager