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Ms Karyn Paluzzano
Labor Candidate for Penrith
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Dear Karyn

I note with interest the Federal Member for Lindsay's statements in the Penrith Press this Tuesday, March 4 2003, seeking my approval to rezone a further 100 hectares of land on the ADI site at St Marys.

As you know, the New South Wales Government fully supports more regional parkland on the Commonwealth-owned ADI site at St Marys. However, the Federal Member seems to have forgotten two important points. Firstly, the ADI site is owned by the Federal Government and secondly, the original Federal Government plan for the site did not provide for a regional park at all.

If Ms Kelly can convince the Federal Government to hand over more land as parkland for the people of Penrith I would be delighted to sign the rezoning. I know you have been working hard to encourage the Federal Government to save the North Penrith Army Lands, we now need to ensure Ms Kelly delivers on her most recent offer.

Ms Kelly has nominated an extra 100 hectares, it is worth asking the question, why stop there? Why wouldn't Ms Lindsay ask the Federal Government to return the entire site to the people of Western Sydney?

I eagerly await a response from the Federal Government to confirm Ms Kelly's pledge to provide more parkland to the people of Penrith.

The Carr Government has purchased more than 550 hectares of open space for the people of Western Sydney, we welcome this latest offer from the Federal Government.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Premier
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