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Mr Sam Haddad
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RE: Complaint to ICAC and NSW Ombudsman – ADI Site Employment Development Strategy Committee

Dear Mr Haddad,

The NSW Ombudsman's Office has encouraged me to write to you about what the ADI Residents Action Group (ADI RAG) perceives to be a clear case of maladministration by Planning NSW in ensuring 5300 permanent jobs are created at the ADI Site by Delfin Lend Lease (DLL) and that the method of accounting for these jobs figures is fully transparent and above all honest.

Planning NSW is meant to be responsible for chairing an Employment Development Strategy (EDS) Committee to oversee DLL's EDS. The Committee was to comprise members of Planning NSW, Premiers Dept, Dept of State and Regional Development, Penrith and Blacktown Councils.

Correspondence about this matter was sent to the Premier and the Planning Minister (attached) last month. The Premier apparently referred this matter to the Planning Minister, who then referred it to the Premiers Dept who then referred it to the Ombudsman. This snapshot of the confusion surrounding who's responsible for this Committee is at the core of the matter as it appears DLL is once again self regulating and being able to get away with abusing the requirements of various State Planning Instruments and Deeds.

This complaint was also lodged with ICAC last month.

I do not wish to go into too much detail in this letter about the complaint. Please refer to the attached letters and by visiting our website to find out the nature of our complaint.
<http://www.adisite.org/Delfinsdodgyemploymentfigures.html>

The EDS Committee must be serious about ensuring these 5300 jobs are legitimately created. It must not allow DLL to claim jobs figures it had no part in creating. The Ropes Crossing Skilling and Employment Centre DLL created – which one assumes was endorsed by the Planning NSW EDS Committee - is clearly a case of DLL setting out to rot this process. The issues raised about Home Based Business jobs and the definition of 'Surrounding Land' also needs addressing.

I can be contacted on 0431 222602 for further clarification.

Regards,



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