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Friday, 23 April 2004

Letter by fax
Premier Bob Carr
Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower
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Re: Protection of the former ADI Site St Marys

Dear Premier,

Further to the letter by fax, *Protection of the former ADI Site St Marys* sent Friday, 23 April 2004. (attached)

Premier the previous letter to you from the ADI Residents Action Group encouraged you to save the former ADI Site St Marys by repealing the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 30 and rezoning it so to prohibit urban development.

In the previous letter I referred to the fact that the NSW Government will have no further comeback on the Federal Government after June 2004 if ownership of Comland is transferred to Lend Lease.

This means the NSW Government will have to deflect a huge amount of public angst and resentment for the twelve-year life of the development and beyond.

Premier the next six weeks is crucial if you want to remove this Albatross from your government's neck. An important point I omitted from the previous letter is that an immediate decision by your government to save the site through rezoning, will, obviously, force a renegotiation of the sale of Comland. Lend Lease will opt out of purchasing the ADI Site St Marys, meaning that the Federal Government will retain ownership of the site and will be responsible for its future land uses.

We believe this to be a very realistic scenario and strongly encourage you to make the decision to save the ADI Site. We notice your initiatives on ensuring a sustainable future for NSW and a decision to stop the destruction of the ADI site would fit in with this sustainable future for NSW.

Please contact us for further discussions on this matter.

Yours truly,



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Dear Premier,

The ADI Residents Action Group call on you to heed the call of Sydney residents who have clearly stated their wish that the whole of the former ADI Site St Marys be formally protected from development.

Premier, you have the authority to make this happen. The Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 30 can be repealed and the site can be rezoned to prohibit urban development.

An immediate action from you to save the ADI site would leave the developer, Lend Lease, with no option but to renegotiate the contract that they entered into with the Federal Government to purchase Comland. Lend Lease had negotiated a sale price of \$165 million for Comland which included the 1545 hectare St Marys site plus two prime real estate sites in Melbourne. It is our understanding that the \$165 million evaluation, which many argue was ridiculously cheap, was based on the fact that planning approval for the St Marys property could not be guaranteed.

Given that Lend Lease can still purchase the two Melbourne sites and speculated that planning approval would be given for the St Marys property there should be no reasons for the State Government to use legal action from Lend Lease as an excuse not to stop the development.

We believe that ownership of Comland will be transferred to Lend Lease in June 2004. The Federal Government will have no further involvement with these sites. This means after this date that the State Government will have no come back on the Federal Government and will be the sole Government authority for all land use decisions at the St Marys site.

Premier we call on you to urgently address this matter of utmost public interest. We are available to meet with the NSW Government to explore options to save the ADI site.

Yours truly,



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