

## **Attention: Bob Debus**

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**The following letter was faxed to the Minister on December the 8<sup>th</sup> 2003.**

**I have yet to receive a response to the matters raised in the following letter and I ask that it be dealt with urgently. I ask that you email me at the address on the letter to confirm that the Minister has been informed of my concerns and is responding to this letter.**

**I will expect a formal reply from the Minister within 2 weeks. A failure to act will be interpreted as a lack of concern for the residents and environment of western Sydney by Minister Debus and this will be made known via the media.**

**Yours truly,**

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Letter by fax  
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**Re. ADI Site St Marys - Regional Park**

Dear Minister

The ADI Residents Action Group (ADIRAG) is seeking clarification about the size of the land to be handed over by the Commonwealth to the NSW Government for the proposed Regional Park.

The specific concern is that there are conflicting public statements being made as to the size of the proposed Regional Park. The developers are publicly claiming that 900 hectares of the site will be set aside as Regional Park and 50 hectares set aside for Regional Open Space. The State Government in its public comments are claiming a Regional Park of only 850 hectares will be created.

Minister, the residents of western Sydney after a decade are still fighting to save the entire ADI site. The public lands that are now to be handed over to the State from the Commonwealth are a result of this ongoing struggle. The residents of western Sydney have consistently been told that 900 ha of the site would be set-aside as Regional Park.

The State will face a public backlash if only 850 hectares of the site is accepted as Regional Park.

ADI RAG believes that the 900 hectares of public land should be set-aside as National Park. A National Park declaration will offer greater protection to the sites conservation values than a Regional Park. The State also needs to rationalise the boundaries of any proposed conservation area. Additional areas of developable land is required to be added to the full 900 hectares of public land in order to smooth off the existing jagged park boundaries. This would allow easier management of edge effects.

Minister we seek your urgent response to this matter. We can also avail ourselves to meet with yourself or your staff to discuss this and other matters relating to the development.

Yours truly,



Geoff Brown  
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