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The Hon Dr David Kemp MP
Minister for the Environment and Heritage.
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Cc. Kelvin Thompson, Shadow Environment Minister

RE: Sale of Comland – ADI Site St Marys

Dear Minister

On 22 January 2004, the Hon Nick Minchin, Minister for Finance and Administration, announced that the Australian Government had accepted an offer from Lend Lease to purchase Comland for \$165 million.

Minister the ADI Residents Action Group has concerns about the sale of Comland to Lend Lease and believe that some areas of the site currently listed on the Register of the National Estate may be developed. The areas of concern are known in the St Marys Development Agreement as the *Residual RNE Land*, some 47.4 hectares. These areas currently fall outside of the area proposed for Regional Park.

Minister there are no guarantees that the NSW Environment Minister will accept this land and include it in the proposed Regional Park. The sale of Comland to Lend Lease further adds to the fear that these areas of the National Estate may be developed. The Member for Lindsay, Jackie Kelly, has publicly promised her electorate a Regional Park of 900 hectares. The NSW Government contradicts this promise in the Eastern Precinct Plan by clearly stating that a Regional Park of only 850 hectares will be created.

Minister, we ask the Government to guarantee that all areas of the ADI Site listed on the Register of the National Estate be protected before Lend Lease takes control of Comland. Furthermore, you must assess now, as a result of Lend Lease becoming sole owner of the ADI Site, the likelihood of a significant impact to EPBC Act listed endangered species and endangered ecological communities.

We ask that you respond to this matter urgently.

Yours truly,



Geoff Brown
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