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Dear Mr Brown

**Proposed Remediation of the Eastern Sector of the Former ADI Site, St Marys, Blacktown Local Government Area (DA No. 03-3988)**

I refer to your email of 28 November 2003 to Ms Caitlin Bennett of this Department, which raises concern in relation to the extent of public exhibition arrangements for the above development application.

The Department appreciates that exhibition of development applications during the busy Christmas-New Year period may make it difficult for interested members of the public to view, consider and comment on proposals important to them. As such, the Department has developed a policy of extending exhibition periods during this time of the year beyond the 30-day period required by the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. In the case of the subject remediation proposal, an exhibition period of 41 days has been allowed.

I also highlight that the Department has met the requirements of the legislation in relation to the location and number of exhibition sites. In addition, copies of the development application and accompanying documentation were mailed to interested individuals and groups to ensure accessibility for all parties that may be concerned about the proposed remediation. I understand that a copy of this information was forwarded to your group, given its long history of interest and involvement in the ADI St Marys site.

In light of the above, and the scale and nature of the proposal, the Department does not consider that a further formal extension of the public exhibition period, or an increase in the number and location of exhibition sites, is warranted. Notwithstanding, if the ADI Residents Action Group has difficulty in finalising and lodging a submission by the end of the exhibition period, the Department is prepared to accept and fully consider your submission up until close of business on **Friday 16 January 2004**.

Please be assured that the community's concerns in relation to the proposed remediation will be fully considered as part of Department's assessment of the proposal. These concerns will be clearly brought to the Minister's attention when the development application is determined.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wilson  
Director  
**Major Development Assessment**