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The Premier of NSW
Bob Carr
Parliament House
SYDNEY NSW

Re. Development of former ADI Site St Marys

Dear Premier

As you may be aware the ADI Residents Action group were present at the Joan Sutherland Centre when you launched the NSW ALP's election campaign.

At your launch I spoke to one of your senior staff members. I expressed to him that our group would like to meet with yourself or your representatives to discuss this important issue.

The current situation is that the Federal member for Lindsay, Jackie Kelly, has claimed that she could add to the size of the regional park by 100 hectares. She claims that if the NSW Planning Minister was to rezone it then she could get the extra land from the Federal government. Minister Refshauge has responded, challenging Ms Kelly by saying, why stop with a mere 100 hectares, that he would be delighted to rezone the entire site as a regional park but she must send the Federal government the bill.

Now we know that this is pure rhetoric that there would be next to no cost to the State or Federal government as this is public land. The Labor Party has painted itself into a corner. Why? Because the ADI Site could be saved similarly as the Sydney Harbour foreshore defence lands were, in that you refused to rezone that land which effectively forced the Federal government into backing down on plans to privatise that land.

The voters of western Sydney have been bombarded with front-page stories stating just this. The hypocrisy of your government is clear.

The NSW Liberals have recently announced that they would make drastic changes to the SREP 30 applying to the ADI Site gazetted in January 2001. This puts them streets ahead of Labor in terms of a commitment to the people and environment of western Sydney.

We urgently need to talk and can avail ourselves at your convenience. My name is Geoff Brown and I can be contacted on 0402 705940. I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
Geoff Brown



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