

16th August 2001

Roger Nethercote
Environmental Planning Manager
Penrith City Council
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Re. Former ADI Site St Marys
Slashing activities by Comland

Dear Roger

Roger, we bring to your attention the recent slashing activities by Comland of the former ADI Site. It appears that Comland have a permit from Environment Australia that restricts them to only slash a fire trail on the eastern or St Marys end of the site. Significant slashing of the Cumberland Plain Woodland has occurred on the western end of the site.

The former ADI Site contains significant remnants of Cumberland Plain Woodland an Endangered Ecological Community listed by both State and Federal endangered species legislation.

As the land is still a Commonwealth property any restrictions or policing must come from the Federal Government. We have written to Robert Hill calling for a full enquiry into the slashing and whether sections of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 have been breached by Comland.

We call on Penrith City Council to write to the Federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage Robert Hill, to express concern about the slashing of the former ADI Site by Comland. We urge you to request that the Minister conduct a full investigation into possible breaches of the EPBC Act by Comland.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Geoff Brown
ADI Residents Action Group