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Letter by Fax
Mayor
Clr Jackie Greenow
Penrith City Council

**RE: Protection of ADI Site National Estate lands
Councils response to ensure a 900 ha Regional Park**

Dear Jackie

You are probably aware by now that the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has revealed an intention that it will not accept all of the 828 ha of the ADI Site listed in the Register of the National Estate as Regional Park. They intend to only include 793 ha of RNE lands within the proposed Regional Park.

You may also be aware that zonings by the NSW Government appear to allow Lend Lease to construct Drainage Basins on RNE listed land within the Regional Park.

ADI RAG has followed this issue closely. The public perception was that:

- 828 ha of the Site was listed in the Register of the National Estate by the AHC in 1999
- A 900 ha Regional Park was to be created that protected all of the RNE listed lands.
- The Federal Government gave commitments that it would transfer the entire 828 ha of RNE lands to the NSW NPWS.
- The Regional Park would be owned and managed by the NSW NPWS
- Penrith Council's position was that all of the 828 ha of RNE lands should be contained within a 900 ha Regional Park

A 900 ha Regional Park is created because the current SREP 30 zones 630 hectares of the ADI site as Regional Park, 70 odd ha of this zoning is non-RNE listed lands. Therefore when adding this 70 odd ha to the 828 ha of RNE lands a Regional Park of approximately 900 ha is created.

Despite what is included in the St Marys Development Agreement the public was promised that 828 ha of RNE lands would be retained in public ownership by the transfer from the Commonwealth to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

What measures is Penrith Council taking to rectify this situation to ensure that all 828 ha of the RNE listed lands, including those zoned as Drainage Basin; remains public owned and is formally protected by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service?

We urge that this matter be brought to the attention of all Councillors by way of an urgent Council Report and that Penrith Council lobby the NSW Governments, Federal Governments and Lend Lease to seek an outcome to this public injustice.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. D. Brown'.

Geoff Brown
Convenor
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c.c. Penrith Councillors, Roger Nethercote