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Letter by fax
Bob Debus
Minister for the Environment
Level 36, Governor Macquarie Tower,
1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000

Cc: Lisa Corbyn – Director General - DEC
Peter Bergman – Acting Cumberland North Manager - NPWS

Re: St Marys Macrofauna Management Plan

Dear Minister

The Sydney Media yesterday raised the publics awareness to the commencement of Delfin Lend Leases mass sterilisation of the Kangaroos at the ADI Site.

As you would be aware the welfare of the ADI sites Kangaroos are a concern to many thousands of local and Sydney residents and animal welfare organisations. They are a much beloved icon of western Sydney.

It has come to our attention that the implementation of this Kangaroo population control program has been fraught with problems and that the process is largely inhumane. Reports are that Staff employed by Delfin to implement the program are unsuitably trained in Kangaroo management. It is claimed that staff are darting the animals at an inappropriate rate to handle them and the animals are seriously injuring themselves against fencing that is inappropriate for such purposes.

We ask you to step in to stop this process until it can be guaranteed that the entire process is humane and ethical. We feel that it would be an appropriate step that an independent animal welfare organization be sought immediately to oversee Delfin Lend Leases practices. It is not appropriate for the developer to be policing themselves. Vets employed by them are not considered to be independent nor suitable experienced in Kangaroo management.

We ask that you act urgently to resolve these concerns.

Yours truly,



Geoff Brown
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