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The Hon. Bob Carr, MP
Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower
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**RE: ADI Site St Marys and the NSW Government
Community call for a better environmental and social outcome**

Dear Premier,

You would have been informed that this letter was accompanied by a large bundle of protest postcards from Sydneysiders indicating their dissatisfaction with your Governments handling of the development of the ADI Site St Marys. The postcards were collected within an afternoon.

You would be aware that the ADI Site and our 12 year campaign has attracted the interest of the Sydney public and the media, specifically, the Daily Telegraph. The public and the media are aware that your Government has the planning power to fix up the problems consistently identified with the ADI development and to achieve a better environmental and social outcome for Western Sydney.

ADI RAG accepts development of the ADI Site. We have moved beyond trying to stop development to trying to improve it. We want your Government, through a rezoning, to create a manageable Regional Park larger than 900 hectares and to resolve the numerous other planning anomalies that are incongruent with sustainable development. Both DIPNR and DEC are commencing processes that can facilitate these improved outcomes.

DIPNR is now commencing discussions with relevant stakeholders to amend the Planning Instrument, Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 30 St Marys (SREP 30). DEC is currently putting together a Plan of Management for the proposed Regional Park. Both these processes will allow the community to comment on the draft plans. It is imperative that these two departments work closely together to resolve the outstanding issues concerning the public and the media.

Across Sydney there is a growing awareness of good urban planning and its role in protecting our quality of life and the environment. There is also a perceived dissatisfaction with your Governments role in poor urban planning and the problems Sydney is now facing. Often stated, as a criticism of your Government, is its perceived bias towards allowing planning outcomes that favour developers over the Public Interest. The ADI Site development is an example of this.

ADI RAG wants your Government to increase the size of the Regional Park so that it can be manageable for DEC. Taking development land from Lend Lease, and rezoning it as Regional Park is the only way to ethically achieve this. Our legal advice concludes this is possible, as no development consent has been given to Lend Lease. Yes, the St Marys Development Agreement exists which the State is a Party to. It was signed knowing full well that SREP 30 was to be amended and therefore does not restrict the State from rezoning extra land as Regional Park.

ADI RAG will be upping its campaign from this point until the next State Election and will continue to consult with the public and the media to inform them of your Governments plans for the ADI Site development. ADI RAG will not cease in its campaign until a satisfactory outcome is achieved.

Yours truly,



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