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The Hon. Frank Sartor MP
Level 34 Governor Macquarie Tower
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RE: ADI Site - DIPNR amendments to SREP 30 St Marys

Dear Minister,

In light of the Ministers decision to scrap the Green Zones component of the Growth Centres Plan with the result being an additional 12,000 extra units of land available for urban development, is DIPNR considering in its current process of amending SREP 30 St Marys how it can protect additional Core and Support to Core habitat (predominantly Cumberland Plain Woodland) from development. Currently SREP 30 allows approximately 300 ha of Cumberland Plain Woodland to be bulldozed. DIPNR can now, with this large surplus of housing land units, argue that developing the endangered bush land within the proposed Central and Western Precincts of the ADI Site is unnecessary, that we are meeting our housing needs elsewhere on less environmentally sensitive areas. Such a decision could also be seen as an offset. Any additional land protected can be added to the proposed Regional Park.

Surely the Minister realises that an additional 300 ha of Cumberland Plain Woodland can be protected through amendments to SREP 30 at no cost to the NSW Government, as the landowner, Delfin Lend Lease, do not have any development consent for these areas and therefore no legal development rights.

When will the amended draft SREP 30 be publicly exhibited? As part of its consultation process will DIPNR be meeting with the community and Penrith Council before releasing the amended draft SREP 30? Has DIPNR received correspondence from Penrith Council in relation to the amended draft SREP 30? Has Penrith Council raised concern about the size and location of drainage basins and the impact construction of such drainage basins will have on the National Estate and TSC Act listed Endangered Ecological Communities?

Minister ADI RAG would like the opportunity to meet with yourself or your Staff to discuss ways in which we can protect more endangered vegetation in Western Sydney at no cost to the NSW Taxpayer.

We look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Geoff Brown
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