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Libs set aside sporting park for Western Sydney **Scale back of development on A.D.I. site**

The NSW Coalition today revealed its vision for the former A.D.I. site in Sydney's West, which includes reducing the Carr Government's planned housing developments.

The Coalition has committed to setting aside land for the creation of a Western Sydney sporting park, which would provide for a wide range of recreational sporting interests.

"The Coalition will reduce the area proposed for development and instead aim to meet the sporting needs of Western Sydney by establishing a sporting park.

"This plan will guarantee the safety of heritage lands while at the same time, providing the people of Western Sydney with greater open space and recreational land," Shadow Planning Minister Andrew Humpherson said.

The Coalition has also committed to:

- Reducing the number of residential developments under Labor's plans from 5000 by between 10 and 20 percent.
- No importation of 2 Million cubic metres of fill as proposed by the Labor Government.
- A review and increases to buffer zones between proposed development and existing urban areas, along creek lines and adjoining heritage-listed areas.
- A commitment to employment land provision, with a target of two jobs per new home to be provided within the site.
- A guarantee to preserve all Australian Heritage listed lands.
- The consolidation of employment lands leaving more viable area for open space.

"When reviewing buffers, the aim would be to produce a more consolidated and less fragmented regional park which would offer better protection to endangered species and ecological communities.

"Some local residents are concerned, and rightly so, that the fragmented park planned so far leaves many areas exposed to domestic or feral animals and weed intrusion.

"By consolidating the parkland and reducing the amount of interface between park area and residential area, these risks are somewhat reduced.

"Ultimately we want to scale back the number of homes proposed for the site by 10 to 20 percent.

"The area for the proposed sporting facilities will replace a portion of Labor's proposed housing numbers. This will provide a more sustainable balance between housing and non-housing zones.

"The aim is to provide sufficient land to accommodate in future the following recreational and sporting activities, subject to a comprehensive study of existing facilities and demand in the Western Sydney area:

- An indoor complex for Netball, Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Indoor Cricket and Volleyball
- Playing fields for Rugby League and Rugby Union, Soccer and Cricket
- Hockey Fields
- Outdoor Netball Courts
- A Golf driving range
- A BMX track
- Model aeroplane and Radio Control Car facilities
- Horse riding trails

"The public recreation space may include BBQ and picnic areas, children's playgrounds, a bus station, shops, restaurants and café's all supported by adequate parking.

"Western Sydney residents have been denied adequate open space and recreational areas under Labor's high density residential planning policies.

"A Coalition govt will ensure that the lifestyle enjoyed by Western Sydney residents will be preserved and enhanced." Mr Humpherson said.

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