



# John Brogden MP

## NSW Liberal Leader

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### LIBS FENCE LABOR ON ADI SITE

NSW Liberal Leader John Brogden today challenged Bob Carr to match the \$550,000 on offer from the Commonwealth to give native wildlife at the ADI site the protection it needs.

Mr Brogden said the NSW Liberals have joined Federal MP Jackie Kelly to urge Bob Carr to back the funding of a wildlife protection fence at the ADI site to create a living biodiversity sanctuary in the heart of the new residential area.

“Feral-proof fencing has proved to be the saviour of many native animal species in sanctuaries around the country,” Mr Brogden said.

“This is an opportunity to create a world class biodiversity haven in the heart of the Penrith area.

“Most native animals don’t stand a chance against feral cats, dogs and foxes, so the first step is to keep the predators out to let the native animal populations build up and survive.”

Shadow Minister for Planning Peta Seaton said community support in the local area for wildlife protection was strong and locals believe the Carr Government should be delivering an environmental dividend from the revenues it will reap from the site.

‘Stamp duty on home sales at the ADI site will deliver a cash bonanza to the Carr Government, and a contribution to protecting the local environment through this fence project should be part of the Carr Government’s plan,’ she said.

Mr Brogden met with local residents in Penrith recently and heard the plan to build the feral-proof fence to protect wildlife in the conservation area.

‘The ADI site is a rare wildlife and biodiversity haven, and the agreement with the developer includes a commitment to protect a large area of the natural landscape.

“Federal Liberal MP Jackie Kelly had worked hard to secure the Federal commitment to the wildlife fence and Bob Carr must demonstrate his conservation credentials and match the offer,” Mr Brogden said.

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