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LIBS PUSH FOR NEW GREEN ZONE AT ADI SITE

A NSW Liberal/Nationals Government will negotiate with the owners of the ADI site to establish a new green zone along the Western precinct, Shadow Minister for The Environment, Michael Richardson said today, following a meeting at the site with Liberal candidate for Londonderry, Bart Bassett, Liberal candidate for Penrith, Tricia Hitchen and Liberal candidate for Mulgoa, Karen Chijoff,

"A new green zone will provide more green space for tourism, recreation and environmental protection," Mr Richardson said.

"We will establish the green zone in the Western precinct along The Northern Road. The green zone will be up to 100 ha.

"This will protect one of the last remaining areas of native grasslands in Sydney's Cumberland Plains and provide a green corridor linking the South Creek Catchment through to the Blue Mountains.

"In our negotiations, we will be seeking to involve Lend Lease in a land swap which will be a win-win for taxpayers and the environment," he said.

Liberal candidate for Londonderry, Bart Bassett, said the people of Western Sydney have had enough of Labor's poor urban and environmental planning policies.

"The community of Western Sydney want this green space protected and the NSW Liberal/Nationals Coalition have listened.

"We will also work to ensure any future development of the site includes a comprehensive plan to connect the ADI site and future residents to the M7 or the upgraded Richmond Road.

"Without an upgraded road-link to an arterial system for the local residents, local roads would be at grid lock," he said.

Liberal candidate for Penrith, Tricia Hitchen, welcomed the announcement, saying it would result in a better outcome for the people of Western Sydney.

"We recognise the environmental importance of the land, and the need to protect any threatened species. By establishing the green zone, kangaroos will be able to graze in a 'natural' environment."

Liberal candidate for Mulgoa, Karen Chijoff, said the establishment of a green zone was a continuation of the work Jackie Kelly has done in achieving the level of open space now at the ADI site.

"This initiative will add to the 900 hectare open space already surrounding the site." she said.

She said a NSW Coalition Government would also negotiate with the new owners of the Cranebrook Air Services site to establish a program for the ongoing conservation of the land.

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