

# **Media Release**

## **Western Sydney Conservation Alliance**

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### **NSW Government and Penrith Council must fix developers 3500 house disaster**

The Western Sydney Conservation Alliance (WSCA) is calling on Western Sydney residents to write to the NSW Government and Penrith Council opposing plans submitted to them by Delfin Lend Lease which propose the clearing of massive areas of Cumberland Plain Woodland and other endangered vegetation for the purposes of 3500 houses at the controversial ADI Site.

The WSCA claims that Delfins Lend Leases plans are a planning disaster and that if allowed by the NSW Government and Penrith Council to proceed without major modifications will fracture the proposed 30 km Cumberland Conservation Corridor (CCC) that Peter Garrett the Federal Environment Minister committed to creating at the last Federal Election.

"We want residents to urgently write to the NSW Government and Penrith Council to tell them to reject Delfin Lend Leases plans to clear 229 hectares of bushland in the Western Precinct along the Northern Rd and near Xavier College" said, Geoff Brown for WSCA.

Kristina Keneally the NSW Planning Minister is currently making amendments to the rezoning plan for the former ADI Site and this means she can amend the plan so that more bushland is saved from the bulldozer ensuring the Cumberland Conservation Corridor is maintained. At the same time Penrith Council is considering approving Delfins Precinct Plans for the Western and Central Precincts which propose the building of 3500 dwellings.

"The NSW Government and Penrith Council must act to stop or heavily modify this housing development proposal because it fractures a major 30 km biodiversity corridor that connects bushland reserves to the north and south of the ADI Site. The ADI Site is at the heart of the CCC. The creation of the CCC is supported by the Federal Labor Government who recently dedicated \$15 million and 1900 ha of land to help with its formation".

"Politically it would be very stupid for the NSW Government to ignore public opposition to these environmentally destructive plans. The entire site is within the seat of Londonderry and is narrowly held by Labors Allan Shearan with a margin of just 6.9%. Labor will lose the next NSW election if it loses seats like Londonderry. Allan Shearan needs to get out of bed with Delfin Lend Lease and be seen to be acting in the interest of the public and the environment."

"We have written to Kristina Keneally's office requesting that she meet with us about fixing this planning mess."

Members of the public only have until November 17 2008 to send their letters to Penrith Council and the NSW Planning Dept

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