

# **ADI Residents Action Group**

## **Media Release**

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### **Diane Beamer must prove compensation claims**

The ADI Residents Action Group are calling on Dianne Beamer, the Assistant Planning Minister, to reveal all documents and legal advice relating to her recent claims that if the NSW Government revokes the planning instrument or puts a stop to the development of the 1535 hectare ADI Site development at St Marys then they would be liable to compensate Lend Lease the developers of the ADI Site.

“We want Dianne Beamer to back up her claims that the State would have to compensate Lend Lease if they stopped the development of the ADI site.” Said, Geoff Brown, for ADI RAG.

“She must publicly reveal all documents and legal advice she has if we are to believe her claims.”

“ADI RAG has two separate legal opinions that says that no compensation is payable to Lend Lease if the planning instrument, Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 30, zoning the ADI site suitable for urban development, is repealed.”

“Her own Treasurer, Michael Egan, has stated under oath in Parliament that no compensation is owing to Lend Lease if the whole of the ADI site is saved as parkland.”

“Unbelievably Diane Beamer is still urging the Federal Government to hand over the land to the State knowing full well that the Federal Government will have the pants sued off them by Lend Lease if this happens. Two 1994 development agreements entered into by the Keating Government give Lend lease development rights to the ADI Site. The same development agreements are voided though if the State withholds planning approval for the ADI Site.”

“Jackie Kelly, Federal Member for Lindsay, recently told us that the Federal Government has no intention of stopping the development and that if they did they would need to compensate Lend Lease for loss of potential profits which could run into hundreds of \$millions.”

“We really are witnessing an act of political bastardry by the Carr Government. Bob Carr said he would deliver a world class urban parkland to western Sydney yet his government is refusing to do this despite massive public opposition to the development and clear evidence that they can legally stop the development without compensating Lend Lease.”

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