

ADI Residents Action Group

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Residents to rally –Bob Carr must save the ADI Site

A resolution to rally outside of the NSW Parliament House to call on the NSW Premier, Bob Carr, to stop the development of the ADI Site was unanimously supported by residents who attended a public meeting held Wednesday the 5th of May at St Marys.

A rally to save the ADI Site is to be held at 12.30 pm, Thursday the 13th of May outside of Parliament House, Macquarie St, Sydney.

“This could be our last chance to stop the development of the ADI Site. We urge everyone that opposes development of the site to be at Parliament House on the 13th of May. We must send a clear message to Bob Carr to act now and save the ADI Site.” Said, Geoff Brown, for ADI RAG.

“We have sought legal advice and found that there is no legal reason for the Carr Government not to stop the development of the ADI Site.”

“Our legal advice is that, despite a Regional Environmental Plan (REP) zoning the ADI site suitable for urban uses and that a Precinct Plan has already been adopted by Blacktown Council, planning for the site is still only at the **policy** stage and **no development consent** has yet been given to Lend Lease. This means that as planning is still at the policy stage Lend Lease as yet has no legal rights and they **cannot** challenge the NSW Government if the REP is repealed.”

“This new information now makes the Carr Government look very foolish because they are still claiming they cannot stop the development. Assistant Planning Minister Dianne Beamer stated on the John Laws program, that they cannot stop the development and that they would have to pay Lend Lease \$200 million compensation if they did. This is a total distortion and they obviously have no understanding of their legal position.”

“Quite clearly the NSW Government is immune from litigation from Lend Lease. The Federal Government though can be sued by them for potential loss of profits if it stops the development and reneges on the agreements it signed with Lend Lease in 1994.”

“It is now obvious that Bob Carr can stop the development without the need for Lend Lease to be compensated. That is why we must take this fight right to his doorstep and tell him to stop the excuses and get on with saving the ADI site.”

“He saved the Sydney Harbour foreshore defence land from development by refusing to rezone the lands for development and he can do the same for the ADI site. He can, with a stroke of a pen, save the ADI site by repealing the current REP and rezoning the land for conservation purposes.”

“A failure by Bob Carr to stop the development will be an act of pure political bastardry.”

People attending the rally from the western suburbs can catch the ‘Save the ADI Site Express’, an all stations train that leaves Penrith at 10.35 am on Thursday.

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