

ADI Residents Action Group

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Save the ADI Site campaign hots up Parliament House protest rally and forum planned for next two weeks

Residents in Sydney's west claim that the fight to save the entire 1545-hectare ADI at St Marys is not over and have facilitated two major public events in coming weeks to bring the issue to the attention of the NSW and Federal Governments.

A major public demonstration calling on Bob Carr to save the ADI Site will be held outside the NSW Parliament House, Macquarie St Sydney, from 12 noon, Thursday May 13 2004.

Also, Jackie Kelly, David Bradbury, Dianne Beamer and Roger Price have been invited to address a public forum with the topic of 'can the ADI site be saved? If so, how, if not, why not?' The forum will be held at the St Marys Memorial Hall, corner of Mamre Rd and Gt Western H'wy St Marys, 7pm Wednesday the 5th of May.

"We are expecting a large gathering of people to both events." Said, Geoff Brown for the ADI Residents Action Group.

"Saving the ADI site is now considered to be Sydney's greatest environmental issue and we are expecting a large turnout at the Parliament House rally. Many thousands of Sydneysiders are now calling on Bob Carr to scuttle Lend Leases plans to buy and develop the ADI site by scrapping existing development plans and rezoning the site for conservation purposes."

"We particularly want a massive response from Western Sydney residents to attend the Parliament House rally on May 13. We ask that people gather together at the following railway stations to catch the 'Save the ADI Site Express' into the City. The train departs from Penrith Station at 10.35 am, St Marys at 10.44am, Mt Druitt at 10.48 am and from Blacktown at 10.58 am."

"The St Marys forum will be very interesting and we look forward to hearing the views of our local politicians. This public forum is the first opportunity for Jackie Kelly and David Bradbury, who are contesting the marginal federal seat of Lindsay, to square off against one another. We are expecting some fireworks from this event with all speakers previously supporting Lend Leases development and being at odds with current public sentiment."

"The clock is ticking on the fight to save the entire ADI site. We have until June 2004 to stop it from being sold and developed."

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