

ADI Residents Action Group

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Residents blast major party brawling over ADI development

Residents in Western Sydney campaigning to save the 1545-hectare former ADI Site at St Marys claim that the recent comments by David Bradbury, Mayor of Penrith and Federal Labor candidate for Lindsay, attacking Jackie Kelly hinders the fight to save the ADI Site

“David Bradbury is attempting to turn this into a political football match between him and Jackie Kelly, the Federal Member for Lindsay. His attack on Ms Kelly deflects the attention away from the real issue that both the major parties, which support Lend Leases development of the ADI site, also have the power to stop it.” Said, Geoff Brown, for ADI RAG

“Mr Bradbury is scoring plenty of cheap political points beating up Jackie Kelly and the Federal Government whilst conveniently ignoring the role of Bob Carr and the State Government in allowing planning approval for the development.”

“If Labor were serious about stopping the sale of the ADI site Mark Latham would have got his promised Senate inquiry into the sale of Comland up and running by now. Mr Bradbury has made no mention of Mark Lathams promised Senate inquiry. This is nothing but hollow rhetoric.”

“Yes, Mr Bradbury is right to argue that the Federal Government can rescind the contract to sell Comland and the ADI site to Lend Lease. But the reality is that the sale will be finalised in June, only six weeks away. The State Government on the other hand can stop this development at any time. If they did this now this would force Lend Lease to renegotiate the sale of Comland with the Federal Government. Lend Lease can still negotiate to purchase the two remaining Comland sites in Melbourne. Even if the sale of Comland proceeds the State Government can repeal plans to develop the site and effectively scuttle Lend Leases development.”

“It is believed that the \$165 million valuation of Comland, which was many times less than its true value, was based on the fact that planning approval for the St Marys site could not be guaranteed. Lend Lease knew the obvious risks involved with the St Marys development when they entered into this sale. There should be no legal impediments in the way of the State or Federal Government if they scrap this development ”

“The truth in this matter is that the major parties, Federal, State and Local, currently support Lend Leases development and this support puts them at odds with the majority of Sydney residents who want the whole of the ADI site saved from development.”

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