

ADI Residents Action Group

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Jackie Kelly misleading residents about ADI Sports Park

The ADI Residents Action Group claim that Jackie Kelly is deliberately keeping the local community in the dark about the development of the ADI Site so that her 100 ha Sports Park plan can go unscrutinised. ADI RAG believe that the majority of residents can't keep up with what is going on with the development and Jackie Kelly is capitalising on this confusion for her own political gain.

“ADI RAG is very concerned that Jackie Kelly's is misleading the public over her 100 ha sports park plan” Said, spokesperson for ADI RAG, Geoff Brown.

“Jackie Kelly's proposed sports park will never happen because it depends on 60 hectares of public land set aside for conservation. The NSW Environment Minister is the only person with the authority to make such a decision and Jackie Kelly knows that. This is a shameful betrayal of her constituents, and it highlights that she feels she can get away with it because people are none the wiser.”

“Jackie Kelly has betrayed us. How dare she, for her own political gain, do a deal with Lend Lease that takes back public land, land that thousands of residents fought to save.”

“Jackie Kelly has been hatching this 100 ha sports park plan for over a year now as a vote catcher. It first surfaced at last years State election when Shadow Planning Minister, Andrew Humpherson, announced it as a State Liberal election promise. Jackie was up to her eyeballs in that decision, but then, her sports park plan was to go on Lend Leases land, now, it is on public land.”

“A map of Jackie Kelly's plan on the front page of last Friday's Western Weekender was clearly inaccurate and misleading. It was a map of the Central Precinct where Lend Lease have 133 hectares zoned for residential uses, but it had been manipulated to show sporting fields replacing areas where Lend Lease are in fact building houses. It is straight up con and is designed to confuse us even further. Lend Lease are not going to give up any developable land.”

“Her office this morning revealed to us that Lend Lease had given the wrong map to the Western Weekender by mistake and that much of what has been said, including the PM's comments about the location of the sports park is wrong. It was a very convenient mistake for Jackie Kelly and Lend Lease to make by giving the wrong map to the media.”

“The bottom line is that if Jackie Kelly wants a 100 ha Sports Park it must be on Lend Leases developable land not public conservation land. Jackie must now set the record straight after three years of lies, we deserve some honesty from her about the ADI Site.”

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