

# **ADI Residents Action Group**

## **Media Release**

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### **ADI Site conservation area shrinks by 50 hectares Federal and State Government allow public land ripoff**

The ADI Residents Action Group fear that the Federal and State Governments treatment of the ADI Site development as a political football is allowing Lend Lease to renege on its promise to protect 900 hectares of the site.

Penrith residents, since the last federal election, have consistently been led to believe that 900 hectares of the site would be set aside from the housing development, as public land, to protect the rare and endangered flora and fauna on the site. It now appears that the State Government and Federal Government's are allowing Lend Lease to only set aside 850 ha as parkland. Lend Leases latest media advertisement clearly states only 850ha of the site will be set-aside for conservation.

"The people of western Sydney have been promised a 900 ha conservation area and the Federal and State Governments had better deliver it." Said, spokesperson for ADI RAG, Geoff Brown.

"Many thousands of residents still want the entire 1538 ha site saved and have reluctantly accepted that at least 900 ha are now safe from development. It is now becoming clear that Jackie Kelly and the Carr Government are allowing Lend Lease to renege on delivering the 900 ha for their own political gain."

"Jackie Kelly, in particular, has betrayed us. How dare she, for her own political gain, do deals with Lend Lease that takes back public land, land that thousands of residents fought to save? Jackie Kelly will see another public rally against her if she allows Lend Lease more ADI Site land."

"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. The map on the front page of last Friday's Western Weekender, that Jackie or Lend Lease gave them, is in fact the Central Precinct, however it is clearly misleading because it has sporting fields and golf driving ranges where Lend Lease is building houses. It is a con and is designed to confuse us even further"

"The State Government are just plain miserly, they don't want the 900 ha conservation area because they don't have the money to manage it. Dianne Beamers office on Friday confirmed plans to only accept 850 ha of the site for conservation."

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