

MEDIA RELEASE

ADI Residents Action Group
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Penrith Council to be targeted by ADI RAG

The ADI Residents Action Group has vowed to turn the spotlight onto Penrith City Council in light of Blacktown Councils decision last night (Wed 4 Feb) to approve the first suburb on the ADI Site. Penrith Council are consent authority for the remaining 66% of the ADI Site and Lend Lease will have development plans lodged with them in early 2004.

"The Blacktown Council decision will go to the Land and Environment Court. It was a pathetic decision by the Labor dominated Blacktown Council who used the excuse, that the State Government would take away their planning powers if they rejected the plan, as a reason to approve it." Said, spokesperson for ADI RAG

"Penrith Council also is Labor dominated and with a number of sitting Labor Councillors not seeking re-election the Labor Party will be throwing a lot of resources into trying to maintain power in Penrith Council."

"A Labor dominated Penrith Council should be feared because undoubtedly they will put party politics ahead of the interests of their residents just as Blacktown Council did."

"There are huge concerns for Penrith residents if the ADI Site development gets the green light from Penrith Council. Residents do not realise that Lend Lease propose to build factories along the entire length of the Northern Rd, also, that the floodplain behind Werrington County is to be filled with 2 million tons of fill some of which is old demolished buildings from the ADI Site."

"There is over a million tons of demolished buildings in giant piles on the ADI Site. Some of these buildings date back to World War 2. Lend Lease have approval to use this in landfill on the site. These piles must have asbestos in them as it was common in buildings from that era."

"We want Penrith Council to clearly state its opposition to any filling of the floodplain before the council election. We want them to address the issues now before it is too late."

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