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ADI Residents Action Group
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Blacktown council to rubber stamp first ADI Site suburb

The first housing suburb to be built on the former ADI Site St Marys is set to get the green light from Blacktown Council when they meet this Wednesday night.

A Blacktown Council Development Committee that met last Wednesday voted that Lend Leases Eastern Precinct Plan be adopted by Council.

“The decision by Council to rubber stamp Lend Leases development plan was predictable. From the outset we knew they would simply rubber stamp anything Lend Lease put in front of them.” Said, spokesperson for ADI RAG, Geoff Brown.

“Council received over 2300 comments on the development with 98% of those opposed to the development. Not surprisingly all those comments have been ignored. Tokenistic is the only way to describe Councils so called consultation with the community.”

“The rhetoric from the developers and those supporting the ADI development for the last 10 years has been that this development would ‘be a model development that would set new benchmarks in Ecological Sustainable Development’. The plan council has allowed is anything but a model of Ecologically Sustainable Development. They have failed as planners and been complicit in allowing Lend Leases half baked development to get planning approval.”

“The reality is that Blacktown council are pro-development and the majority of Councillors either belong to or are aligned to political parties that support the development of the ADI Site.”

“The public interest has never been considered by this small group of unrepresented individuals. Their decision to develop is anti community. The only winners from this decision are the shareholders of Lend Lease.”

“We stand by our submission to Council that the development is unsustainable and will have a significant impact on many endangered and threatened species and communities. We will be seeking legal advice to challenge Blacktown Councils decision.”

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