

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **ADI Residents Action Group**

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### **How serious is Labor about winning the next Federal Election?**

Western Sydney residents fighting to stop the Federal Government from developing the controversial former ADI Site at St Marys claim that Labor are not fair dinkum about winning the next Federal election.

“Mark Latham must win back marginal seats in western Sydney if he wants to win the next federal election for Labor. Saving the ADI Site is still the environmental issue in western Sydney and it is already clear Labor must commit to saving the entire site if it is to receive minor party preferences.” Said, spokesperson for the ADI Residents Action Group, Geoff Brown.

“It is well known that the Greens have not given preferences to Labor in the marginal seat of Lindsay for the last four elections because of their reluctance to save the ADI Site. They have lost Lindsay four times in a row to Jackie Kelly.”

“This time around though Jackie Kelly has no where to move on the issue as the Liberals are locked into developing the site. This puts the spotlight on Mark Latham who, if he has the political will to do so, can crucify the Liberals and Jackie Kelly over their development.”

“But first he must as a matter of urgency stop the Labor dominated Blacktown Council from approving the first development stages in February. If Labor at the local level is not brought into line by Mark Latham then Labor’s federal chances in western Sydney are gone”

“Amazingly, when we spoke to Mark Latham’s office they appeared unconcerned about the urgency of the matter. They could not even guarantee us a meeting to discuss the huge range of reasons why they should oppose the development. It appears they have learnt nothing from their election drubbing in 2001 and are not fair dinkum.”

“Labor by saving the entire site as a National Park will win back huge support in their heartland. Mark Latham can prove that he is a worthy leader of this nation one who is capable of making long-term planning decisions that are in the best interests of all Australians.”

“If they act now and commit to saving the entire ADI Site then we believe that they can win back western Sydney. Only by doing this will they have the support of our group and the majority of the minor parties.”

### **More information**

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