

Media Release
Save the ADI Site Party
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Kelly commits to Save the ADI Site Party demands

The Save the ADI Site Party today managed to get several signed election commitments from Jackie Kelly, the Liberal member for Lindsay, that will increase environmental protection for parts of the 1535 ha ADI Site at St Marys.

Jackie Kelly obviously trying to soften the impact that Greens preferences - which are flowing to Labor in Lindsay for the first time in the last four elections - will have on her re-election chances, committed to:

- § Nominate for an Emergency National Heritage listing a further 250 hectares of Cumberland Plain Woodland along the western end of the ADI site that is at threat from urban development.
- § Nominate the entire 902-hectare Regional Park for National Heritage listing.
- § Nominate significant historical heritage sites, such as Governor Kings Family Farms, for National Heritage listing.
- § Guarantee at least \$1.1 million to feral proof fence all conservation land, and
- § Establish and seek federal funding for a new Advisory Committee to assess possible water catchment and flooding issues that may arise from Lend Leases plans to fill massive areas of the South Creek floodplain.

“This is a great outcome that the Save the ADI Site Party has achieved for Penrith and Western Sydney. A new National Heritage listing of the Western Precinct if successful will save the great bushland view from the Northern Rd that we all appreciate. There will be plenty of grassland saved which negates the need to eradicate the Kangaroos and Emus from that area.” Said, Barbie Bates for the Save the ADI Site Party.

“All new National Heritage listings must come with a Management Plan approved by the Federal Environment Minister and where applicable some serious Federal money to support its development. This is very significant because we are very unhappy with the NSW Governments proposed management plan for the 902-hectare Regional Park because of its lack of environmental protection. A National Heritage listing may result in the NSW Government having to consult with the Federal Environment Minister as to what happens with the Regional Park. It would not be unreasonable to expect that the NSW Government may have to scrap or modify its Regional Park Plan.”

The guarantee of \$1.1 million for funding for a feral proof fence around the bushland set aside for conservation is applauded, as Lend Lease and the NSW Government have no plans for a fence between the houses and the Regional Park. A feral proof fence will give our native fauna a greater chance of survival.”

“Of huge concern to us is Lend Leases plans for massive filling of the South Creek floodplain and its impacts upon residents living adjacent to South Creek near Werrington County. The commitment by Jackie Kelly to establish and seek funding for an advisory group to look at the huge flooding implications of Lend Leases plans is a step in the right direction.”

“Lend Lease should be feeling very nervous right now about these commitments by Jackie Kelly specifically the Heritage nomination of the Western Precinct which if successful could cost them hundreds of \$million in potential profit. It will be very interesting to see if they object to the heritage nomination”

“We are still waiting for a response from David Bradbury to match or exceed Jackie Kelly’s commitment to the people of Lindsay.”

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