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Bradbury backflips on public meeting Heritage nomination commitment

A public meeting called by Labor Candidate for Lindsay, David Bradbury, in Cranebrook last night backfired on him as he condemned the Liberals and Jackie Kelly over the sell-of the 181-hectare Commonwealth owned Airservices Australia site at Vincent Rd Cranebrook. He angered locals by only offering what he would do after the sale of the site went through but had nothing to offer to try to stop the sale. He also failed to answer questions about Penrith Councils knowledge of the disposal process of the site

David Bradbury was highly embarrassed when a suggestion from Geoff Brown, the Convenor of the ADI Residents Action Group, was put forward that he attempt to scuttle the sale of the site by writing a letter to the Federal Environment Minister nominating the Air Services Site for an emergency listing on the Commonwealth Heritage Register. The aim of this was to stop or delay the sale and to give time for further community consultation. David Bradbury at first argued against the suggestion and only agreed to it after a majority of the meeting voted to proceed with that strategy. It was then agreed by the meeting that Mr Bradbury and Mr Brown would draft and co-sign the letter the following day on behalf of those at the meeting.

But today David Bradbury has refused to co-sign the letter drafted by Mr Brown and another Cranebrook resident, Mark Gerber for emergency heritage nomination claiming that he would not put his name to a document without having evidence of the claims justifying the heritage nomination. Instead he has sent a separate letter to the Environment Minister offering his support for the Heritage nomination by Geoff Brown and Mark Gerber.

“David Bradbury’s refusal to co-sign this letter is very disappointing and has proven that last night’s public meeting was just an election stunt. When it came to the crunch, to making a rock solid commitment to the people of Cranebrook to try to stop the sale and development of the site David Bradbury could not be relied upon. His basis for not signing the nomination letter was puzzling as the majority of information included in the letter was sourced from Penrith Council reports. This really is an embarrassing back flip that is up there with the best of them. He made a commitment in front of nearly seventy people and has reneged less than twenty four hours later.” Said Geoff Brown.

“It was decided to send the emergency heritage nomination letter to the Federal Environment Minister despite David Bradbury’s refusal to co-sign the letter. Having David Bradbury’s name on the letter would have carried a lot of weight in assessing the nomination especially if Labor forms the next Government.”

“The meeting did not go to script as the locals out numbered the Labor members. The locals appeared to see right through the spin and David Bradbury was on the back foot from the very first question, which was about his knowledge of the approval of a Fire Station at the site by Council in 2001. From there it was all down hill.”

“The role of the Liberals in the sale of the Site was justifiably condemned by the residents at the meeting but to the credit to those in attendance the focus of the meeting was really on identifying solutions. They were in no mood for political rhetoric.”

“The Liberals should be condemned though if the nomination is rejected outright by the Environment Minister before the election without being referred to the Australian Heritage Council for a full assessment, an assessment which can take up to 24 months.”

Further comment: Geoff Brown 0431 222602 (Mark Gerber 0412 995637 was at the meeting)