

Media Release

Save the ADI Site Party

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Federal Election - Save the ADI Site Party to run for Senate and in key marginal seats in Sydney's West

The Save the ADI Site Party, a registered political party formed in 2001 to stop Lend Lease from developing the 1535-hectare ADI site at St Marys, will contest the 2004 Federal Election. It has nominated three candidates for the House of Representatives and two for the Senate. The candidates for the House of Representatives are: Barbie Bates (Lindsay), Jean Lopez (Greenway) and Margaret Bloor (Parramatta). Candidates for the Senate are Geoff Brown and Bernie Laughlan.

The Save the ADI Site Party at the 2001 election captured over 3% of the primary vote in the seats of Lindsay and Chifley outpolling the Greens and the Democrats.

“In 2001 we campaigned heavily against the Liberals in the marginal seat of Lindsay and that is why we now have 900 hectares of the ADI site spared from Lend Leases bulldozers. Protection for only 900 ha of the 1535 ha site is still an unacceptable outcome for the people and environment of Western Sydney and we are back to finish the job.” Said Geoff Brown, for the Save the ADI Site Party candidates.

“The ADI Site is one of the most significant bushland remnants of the once vast Cumberland Plain and is home to some of the rarest biodiversity in Australia. We fear that unless the major parties intervene Lend Leases 5000 houses will devastate the sites remaining biodiversity.”

“We want voters to understand that the major parties can still make decisions that will result in more of the ADI Site being saved and we will be using our preferences to full advantage to encourage them to make such decisions.”

“This is Sydney's biggest environmental issue and the major parties must put the people and environment of Western Sydney ahead of Lend Leases shonky development if they want minor party preferences.”

“Our vision for the ADI Site is to create a world class conservation park in Western Sydney, something that we can all be truly proud of. We urge voters to help us to make this a reality.”

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