

Media Release

ADI Residents Action Group
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Residents make Fair Trading complaint against Delfin Lend Lease

As more live ammunition is unearthed at the controversial ADI Site, Sydney's largest new residential release area, local residents have lodged a complaint with the Department of Fair Trading against developer, Delfin Lend Lease, for breaches of the Fair Trading Act 1987.

The ADI Residents Action Group claims to have evidence that Delfin Lend Lease sales staff, including senior managers, are deliberately misleading purchasers by providing false information about the contamination history and safety risks associated with buying land at Ropes Crossing, the first suburb of the ADI Site.

"Delfin Lend Lease have been caught out deliberately misleading the public about the extent of contamination at Ropes Crossing." Said, Geoff Brown for ADI RAG.

"We have in our possession an audio tape received from a member of the public that attended one of Delfin Lend Leases Ropes Crossing information sessions in which Arthur Ilias, Ropes Crossing Project Director, can be heard saying the site is certified as being 100% clean. We are getting phone calls from people telling us that when they asked Ropes Crossing Sale Staff about contamination concerns they replied the whole ADI Site is 100% clear of contamination."

"This appears to be a clear breach of the Fair Trading Act by DLL in which they are demonstrating misleading and deceptive conduct and making false representation about the standard of the goods (the land) they are trying to sell. DLL clearly knows that no certification has been given clearing the whole site of contamination"

"This is a public health and safety issue that needs to be addressed by the State Government. This year alone there has been numerous findings of asbestos and unexploded ordnance. The latest discovery of dozens of .50 calibre bullets proves that the previous cleanup of the site has failed. The public should not be allowed to buy land that may contain things that can kill them. Diane Beamer the Fair Trading Minister should stop the further sale of land until this site is totally cleaned up"