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Debus called on to amend inhumane ADI Kangaroo Management Plan

Residents are calling on NSW Environment Minister, Bob Debus, to halt a massive Kangaroo Sterilisation and population reduction program being implemented by property developer, Delfin Lend Lease at the controversial ADI Site at St Marys because it has proven to be inhumane.

Recent evidence of animals suffering as a result of the developers mistakes has prompted locals to call on Bob Debus to reconvene the 'St Marys Macrofauna Management Working Group' so that issues about animal cruelty and poor implementation of the developers Macro Fauna Management Plan (MFMP) can be addressed.

This Working Group was comprised of representatives of animal welfare organisations and local community groups. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service attended the Working Group meetings as observers and when necessary provided specialist advice. The Macrofauna Working Group agreed that the MFMP for St Marys must be humane and ecologically sustainable.

"We want Bob Debus to do something about Delfin Lend Leases handling of this sterilisation process so that every animal is dealt with humanely." Said, Geoff Brown, for the ADI Residents Action Group.

"He should urgently reconvene the Macrofauna Management Working Group so that this matter is dealt with transparently."

"We may have to go back to the drawing board as it appears obvious that the core aim of the Macrofauna Management plan – that the population be reduced humanely – is an absolute failure."

"Bob Debus ruled out a mass cull for political purposes yet ensured the public that the alternative to shooting – sterilisation – would be done humanely under his careful watch. The public has been conned by the government into believing that this is a humane program. Sterilisation has never been tested on such large numbers and the developers appear to be cutting corners to get the numbers down quickly."

"Bob Debus may have to bite the political bullet and admit that he got it wrong and that drastic changes to the MFMP are needed. No one wants these animals to suffer needlessly anymore."

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See www.adisite.org for image and movie of recent Kangaroo incident
High Res photos and 3 minute DVD available