

Media Release

ADI Residents Action Group

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Dogs maul Kangaroos at ADI Site. Residents want Kangaroo suffering to end now.

Residents in Western Sydney are calling on the NSW Government to immediately address the suffering of Kangaroos at the St Marys ADI Site following the revelation that 15 Kangaroos died after being mauled by dogs there last week. How the dogs gained access to the Kangaroos, which were being kept in a holding yard by the sites developer Delfin Lend Lease, is unknown but human intervention is highly probable.

Lend Leases sterilisation program involves herding the roos into compounds, then being darted with a tranquiliser, then operated on and sterilised then released with open wounds into holding yards to live out their lives. Some roos may be released into the proposed Regional Park

“This case again highlights the failure of the developer’s massive sterilisation program and residents are now calling on Bob Debus, the Environment Minister, to step in and relieve the suffering of the Kangaroos”. Said, Geoff Brown, spokesperson for ADI RAG.

“It is time for the NSW Government to admit this sterilisation experiment that they approved has failed and can never be implemented humanely. We don’t want anymore Kangaroos needlessly subjected to surgical sterilisation. If they are going to dart them with a tranquiliser then the most humane thing to do is then euthanase them on the spot, no one wants them subjected to further misery which is what will happen under this current plan. Bob Debus needs to decide how many roos he intends to keep within his proposed Regional Park and then quickly deal with the remainder.”

“This dog attack is only the latest example of the failure of the sterilisation plan. Holding large numbers of roos in a confined pen was a disaster waiting to happen. The RSPCA should once again be investigating Delfin Lend Lease and if there was human involvement in allowing the dogs to attack the roos then these people should be found and dealt with by the law.”

“We understand that the RSPCA and WIRES have similar concerns to us about Delfin Lend Leases disastrous Macrofauna Plan and have made them known to Bob Debus.”

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Picture of sterilised female Eastern Grey Kangaroo attached