

Media Release

ADI Residents Action Group

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Sartor calls on Public to comment on changes to ADI Site Plan

The NSW Planning Minister, Frank Sartor, has decided to publicly exhibit draft amendments to the controversial ADI Site development plan, Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 30 St Marys (SREP 30). The ADI Residents Action Group (ADI RAG) view this as a further opportunity for the public to reject the NSW Governments plan for development of the sites remaining rare bushland.

ADI RAG are calling on members of the public to send their submissions to Frank Sartor urging him to use his planning authority to save over 300 hectares of endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland (CPW) from development.

“Frank Sartors amendments to SREP 30 are very disappointing. He has failed to listen to the community and is allowing some of the largest remnants of the endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland to be bulldozed so that a further 3000 houses and industrial estates can be built. This plan is a disgrace. It’s a gift for the developer Lend Lease and on top of his ‘Green Zones’ decision another kick in the guts for the environment of Western Sydney.” Said, Geoff Brown, for ADI RAG.

“Frank Sartor only a few weeks ago scrapped the ‘Green Zones’ from his Growth Centres Plan, creating an additional 12,000 housing lots for development. He went on to assure Western Sydney that he would protect other areas of bushland with high conservation value. Well why isn’t he doing this? Surely if you are trying to protect endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland you would start with the ADI Site. Who is advising this Minister? Is he even aware of the environmental value of the ADI Site? Is he aware that he can rezone this bushland for conservation without having to compensate Lend Lease? This is a mere 3000 houses we are talking about scrapping from his 12,000-lot surplus. He is still way ahead and the community would praise him if he stopped this development.”

“ADI RAG urges members of the public to send a submission to Planning NSW rejecting any further development of the ADI Site.”

Other issues with this plan are that it allows up to 20 hectares of National Estate listed land within the publicly owned Regional Park to be bulldozed for drainage basins (DIPNR claims one of these basins is a demand of Penrith Council), an increase to the width of roads through the Regional Park (more trees to be cleared), four entry roads along the Northern Rd, Lend Lease can now request Council approve multiple access roads from Ninth Ave Llandilo, bus access only roads near existing houses in Werrington County and up to 90 hectares of the South Creek Floodplain to be filled. Many other planning concerns will only be found out at the Precinct Planning stage.

The public can view the amended plan and maps at <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/asp/drafts.asp> or they can visit the ADI Resident Action Group website www.adisite.org for other information about the amended plan.

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