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David Bradbury MP  
Member for Lindsay

**RE: Urgent Ministerial intervention required to halt the clearing of Cumberland Plain Woodland at the former ADI Site – Penrith Local Government Area**

Dear David,

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March you received a copy of a letter I sent to the Hon Peter Garrett, the Federal Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, concerning the imminent clearing of Critically Endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland by Delfin Lend Lease at the former ADI Site within the Federal seat of Lindsay.

I am seeking a response from you as to what measures you have taken since my letter to ensure that Critically Endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland, within proposed development areas at the ADI Site, is properly assessed by the Australian Government in line with the current EPBC Act.

The ALP 2007 Election Commitment to protect Cumberland Plain Woodland included options to declare areas of Cumberland Plain Woodland as Critical Habitat. This is an option that can be applied to CPW at the ADI Site.

You were part of a delegation, along with Delfin and Penrith Council, which went to Canberra in 2008 to seek amendments to the National Estate boundaries of the Regional Park. DEWHA alerted the delegation to the fact that such amendments would void the current certification held by Lend Lease and trigger a reassessment of the ADI Site under the EPBC Act with the likely result being the protection of more of the site and a reduced development outcome for Lend Lease. The delegation then walked away from seeking to amend the RNE boundaries. Isn't this an indication that DEWHA and the Ministers hands are not tied by the Howard Governments certification and that there is scope to protect more of the site? And isn't this clearly an indication, and of concern to you, that Delfins current development plans are lacking in scientific validity and have been dubiously assessed by the previous Howard Government?

I seek an urgent response to this matter and your urgent intervention with Peter Garrett's office so that a superior conservation outcome is achieved.

Yours truly,



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