

Dear Bart,

Thanks for the response. It is the first actual response I have received from you since you became my local member despite my numerous other emails and personal visits to your office.

Yes we have had several discussions about the ADI Site and you did attend one event prior to the Penrith by-election. But mere words mean nothing. And when one is trying to get elected then those words come easy. It is actions after one is elected that are important and yourself, Stuart and Tanya gave an undertaking, based on your knowledge of the 100 ha commitment by Brad Hazzard, to deliver on that once elected. I recall the words that 'Geoff we are not in government yet'. You also went to the local press stating you along with Stuart Ayres were committed to protecting more of the ADI Site.

So let's see some action not rhetoric. The only actions I have observed about this matter has been one of avoidance. An example is at the recent Community Cabinet meeting I attended the public forum and had my hand up to ask a question for the last 2/3's of the forum yet Stuart Ayres continually ignored me, selecting people ahead of me that only had just raised their hands. Those actions say so much.

The old 'strike a balance' argument has been trotted out for as long as I have been involved in conservation issues. This is what the 100 ha commitment was about by the Liberals, that they thought this outcome was a better balance between development and conservation. When you are dealing critically endangered species and ecological communities the business as usual attitude of politicians in that there must be a balance becomes nonsensical. Science and law, not political ideology must dictate what is the right balance.

I appreciate your correspondence to the Ministers on our behalf and look forward to a meeting ASAP.

Regards,

Geoff Brown  
President of WSCA

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**Subject:** Re: ADI Site clearing by Lend Lease - Urgent meeting required

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you very much for your email. As you are well aware I have had many discussions with you regarding the ADI site since 2006. It is important that we strike a balance between the need for urban housing and development against environmental considerations so we can achieve a quality outcome for our community. As you are also aware I have been more

than willing to attend your public meetings including the one prior to the state election this year which Catherine Cusack also attended.

I have written to both Ministers in regards to your request for meetings with them and my office. I will contact you when I have received a response from Ministers Hazzard and Parker in regards to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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**ADI Site - Liberals failure to protect its promised additional 100 hectares  
Lend Lease clearing of this area despite legal proceedings in Land and Environment Court**

Dear Bart

You may have heard on ABC radio on Friday that the Western Sydney Conservation Alliance had commenced legal action against Lend Lease in order to protect critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland. What occurred was that Lend Lease had received a request from the Environmental Defenders Office seeking they surrender their development consents issued by Penrith Council as legal proceedings were under way against Penrith Council. Lend Lease ignored claiming they did not need to do this and brought in the bulldozers and quickly knocked over the majority of trees in the 59 ha area approved by Penrith Council.

This 59 ha area should be known to you and the NSW Government as I have corresponded to your office and that of the Premier, Planning and Environment Minister detailing that this DA area is in fact part of the 100 ha area that was promised to be conserved by the Liberal

Nationals in 2007 and 2010/11 by Brad Hazzard and Catherine Cusack. We urged intervention by your office and the Ministers to stop development of this area in order to hold up your promise.

At the Community Cabinet meeting on Monday WSCA met with Robyn Parker and again raised the renegeing of the 100 ha commitment. Minister Parker claimed no knowledge of this matter nor of receiving our correspondence. How could this be when we this matter has been raised with you on several occasions? Where is the follow up with the Ministers? We informed Ms Parker of our legal action against Lend Lease.

Today on Streetcorner.com.au the journalists of that media outlet have once again stated that Brad Hazzard contacted them and committed the Liberal Nationals to protect this additional 100 ha

<http://www.streetcorner.com.au/news/showPost.cfm?bid=22302&mycomm=NW>

Even though Lend Lease have pushed trees over they have not destroyed the ground layer. I was part of a site visit with the EDO on Friday and witnessed that the ground layer and seed bank are intact meaning the land will regenerate. So this matter is still proceeding to court. This then allows time for the NSW Government to implement the election commitment.

The last time I approached your office your staff refused to engage with me in an adult manner and informed me that due to criticism of the Liberals by WSCA and myself, due to the renegeing on the 100 ha commitment, that your office would not meet with me, even though I am a constituent of Londonderry. This was shameful and completely undemocratic. When I questioned this outrageous decision I called on you to come to your office foyer to discuss this with me. You came out of your office and had a go at me and was quite rude but calmed down when I finally explained the facts behind the criticism of the Liberals prior to the election. You then gave an undertaking to meet at some stage in the future.

As my local member and the local member that takes in the entire ADI Site I now call on you to finally act in the public interest and to urgently arrange a meeting so that yourself, Brad Hazzard, Robyn Parker and WSCA can sit down to discuss the honouring of the 100 ha commitment.

I have called the office of Brad Hazzard and Robyn Parker for such a meeting and have not had the courtesy of a return phone call. I am always willing to talk and WSCA reps can meet with the NSW government at short notice. Please let me know asap if a meeting will be scheduled.

Regards

Geoff Brown