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Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your recent emails on behalf of the Western Sydney Conservation Alliance regarding the ADI site and the clearing by Lend Lease.

I regret that I am unable to meet with you in the short term due to my heavy schedule and Parliamentary duties.

I understand you met with my Parliamentary Secretary, Craig Baumann MP, and my Deputy Chief of Staff, Lee Dixon on 14th July 2011. Also at that meeting was the Regional Director, Southern Region from the Department of Planning & Infrastructure, Brett Whitworth.

At that meeting I understand that you were advised that you should discuss your concerns regarding land clearing and environmental offsets with the Office of Environment and Heritage and Penrith City Council, the latter being the determining authority for any development applications.

I reiterate that the State Government does not have the authority to intervene in development applications determined – or yet to be determined – by Penrith City Council.

However, as indicated in correspondence from Mr Baumann dated 23 September 2011, the Department of Planning & Infrastructure continues to work with the Office of Environment and Heritage with regards to the Cumberland Plain Woodland.

I assure you that the NSW Government remains committed to finding the balance between providing more housing for our growing population and maintaining the environment.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Planning & Infrastructure

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