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copy to media

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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.