



Lend Lease under fire over Sydney woodland

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Construction company Lend Lease has reportedly stopped work at a western Sydney site while environmentalists seek an injunction against the development.

Penrith City Council says work ceased this morning at the former Australian Defence Industries site.

The Environmental Defender's Office advised Lend Lease on Monday of impending legal action by the Western Sydney Conservation Alliance.

It asked the company to surrender the development consents given by the council to clear large parts of a 59-hectare site in the Cumberland Plain woodland.

Lend Lease refused and began bulldozing two days ago.

Conservation alliance president Geoff Brown was furious before Lend Lease stopped bulldozing this morning.

"It's a complete act of bastardry by Lend Lease and pretty much they've flattened this entire area," he said

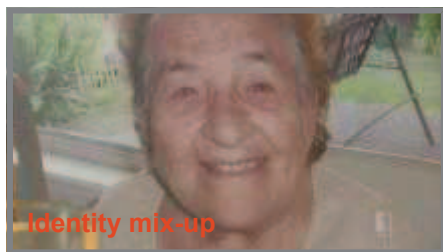
"We sought legal action, which we're entitled to do, and our lawyers and legal team had commenced action ask them to stop work.

"Lend Lease refused to do that, and in a race to head off legal action, they've bulldozed the site."

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