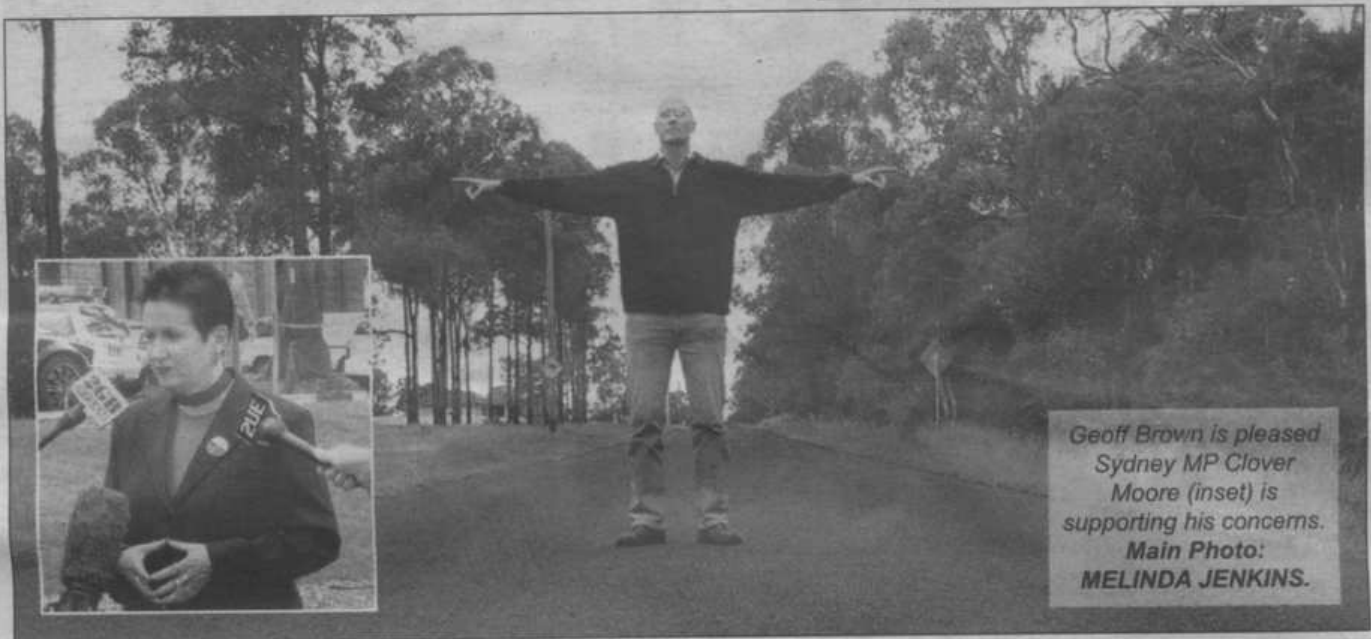


Moore support



*Geoff Brown is pleased
Sydney MP Clover
Moore (inset) is
supporting his concerns.
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THE Western Sydney Conservation Alliance has received support from State Member for Sydney, Clover Moore.

Ms Moore has written to the Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, on behalf of the Alliance, expressing its concerns with Penrith City Council's decision to rezone around 500 hectares of Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council bushland for development.

"The Alliance say the Council sent their Local Environment Plan that includes this zoning decision to the Minister for Planning for approval," Ms Moore wrote.

"The Alliance is concerned that the bushland area identified for development has high conservation value. They say that the NSW Government classified this site as Western Sydney Priority Conservation land, supporting the Alliance's call for it to be protected.

"The Alliance asks that you do not support Penrith Council's decision, and protect this endangered bushland."

President of the Alliance, Geoff Brown, said he was pleased to receive the Sydney MP's support.

Meanwhile Penrith City Council is agreeing with the Alliance that important remnant Cumberland Plain Woodland needs to be preserved and supported. The Council believes it is at the forefront of conserving important bushland and boosting the City's rich biodiversity.

"There are about 2,250 hectares of bushland reserve within the City, an increase of almost 200 hectares of reserve in the past 18 months. Council is also actively restoring some 45 hectares through its bushcare program," a Council spokesperson said.

"Examples of our success include the successful lobbying for preservation of a massive 900 hectares of the St Marys Release Area and total preservation of the former 181-hectare Air Services Australia site at Cranebrook.

"Despite what the Western Sydney Conservation Alliance might say, when all of the facts are properly considered, a reasonable person could only conclude that Council has responsibly dealt with the planning of lands owned by the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council."

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