

**Media Release  
Western Sydney Conservation Alliance**

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The Western Sydney Conservation Alliance has labelled Labor's \$7.5 million environmental funding commitment to Western Sydney as paltry and totally inadequate and demonstrates that their commitment to a sustainable Australia is a sham.

"What Peter Garrett and David Bradbury have announced today is pathetic when one considers the enormity of the environmental problem facing Western Sydney. It will protect no more than about 60 ha of bushland. It is very disappointing, they were asked to provide \$100 million which was meant to assist the NSW Government to fast track the acquisition and protection of about 1500 ha of rare bushland facing imminent development pressure."

"The ALP has today failed to show any vision for Western Sydney. It has also confirmed that its commitment to a sustainable population is a sham. They were told that locking up land from development was not only needed for conservation but was also a way of curbing urban sprawl across Western Sydney and to demonstrate a commitment to sustainable development in Western Sydney."

"Labor has failed to deliver and now the ball is in the court of the Liberals to show some much needed vision for Western Sydney."

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# **MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, HERITAGE AND THE ARTS**

## **MEMBER FOR LINDSAY**

### **GILLARD LABOR GOVERNMENT TO BOOST PROTECTION FOR CUMBERLAND PLAIN WOODLAND**

A re-elected Gillard Government will invest an additional \$7.5 million to help protect the Cumberland Plain Woodland areas of Western Sydney through a fund to purchase property to connect the corridor and to fund land care efforts.

Today's announcement builds on the \$15 million commitment made at the last election that the Labor Government has already delivered to help protect these important parts of our natural heritage.

"This funding will mean that we will be better able to connect important bushland and habitats in the Cumberland Conservation Corridor to help ensure that we protect vital ecological communities of our region," Mr Garrett said.

“The \$15 million for the Cumberland Conservation Corridor secured at the last election helped to buy back the 181 hectare former Air Services Australia site at Cranebrook, one of the most important bushland sites in Western Sydney.

“This site was secretly sold by the former Liberal Government in 2004 to a private developer but has been returned to public ownership for future conservation.

“The Cumberland Conservation Corridor also ensures the protection of the major stands of rare bushland on the Defence Establishment Orchard Hills site and the Air Services Australia site at Shanes Park.”

Member for Lindsay, David Bradbury described the news as a “big win” for the local community.

“This new funding makes good my commitment to build upon these sites and develop a network of conservation areas within the Corridor.

“It also means that local Landcare groups are set to benefit with additional funding to help care and remediate some of the most ecologically critical parts of the corridor.”

The use of the additional \$7.5 million in Commonwealth funding would be decided by the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts along with appropriate community consultation.

“The Federal Labor Government is committed to protecting our important environmental heritage, and on top of the investments that we are making in the Cumberland Conservation Corridor, we have also invested \$77 million in a rescue package for the Nepean River, \$500,000 for an aquatic weed harvester, and \$2.7 million for a recycled water pipeline,” said Mr Bradbury.

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