

## **Western Sydney Conservation Alliance Inc**

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### **O'Farrell Government election commitment to be bulldozed by Penrith Council**

Penrith Council have voted to put the bulldozer through a commitment by Brad Hazzard and the NSW Liberal/Nationals to protect 100 hectares of critically endangered bushland (Cumberland Plain Woodland) in Western Sydney.

Brad Hazzard prior to the NSW Election confirmed that he would honour election commitments made by the Libs/Nats in 2003 and 2007 to scale back Lend Leases controversial ADI Site development. Brad Hazzard said he would conserve the 100 hectares of critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland (CPW) promised at the 2007 election. Just under 8% of CPW now exists due to land clearing.

This commitment has not been delivered and on Monday night Liberal Councillors, including Tanya Davies the Member for Mulgoa, voted with Labor to allow Development Applications by Lend Lease that propose to destroy the bushland the NSW Government promised to protect. Council ignored expert botanist reports urging the DA's be rejected due to a significant impact to a unique local occurrence of CPW.

"The Liberal Councillors on Penrith Council have bulldozed the election commitment made by Brad Hazzard on behalf of the O'Farrell Government. Brad Hazzard and Robyn Parker, the Environment Minister, now need to act as a matter of urgency to rescue this land and their election commitment from Penrith Council."

"Barry O'Farrell needs to phone Tanya Davies and her fellow Liberal Councillors and read them the riot act. They have made the Premier and Brad Hazzard out to be complete liars. This undermines the confidence the people of Western Sydney have in the O'Farrell Government that they are different to the former Labor Government and true to their word..

**"This Penrith Council approval process must be vetoed and Brad Hazzard must step in and take the matter out of Councils hands.** It is a massive development proposing a significant impact to critically endangered bushland and it was obvious to all in attendance at the Council meeting that Penrith Councillors are simply pro-development and incapable of acting in the public interest to preserve its critically endangered bushland remnants."

"Council can also rescind their approval at the next meeting and hand the matter over to Brad Hazzard and Robyn Parker."

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Comments

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