

City Sustainability

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12 January 2005

Mr Glenn Humphreys
27 Pulpit Hill Road
KATOOMBA NSW 2780

Dear Mr Humphreys

SUBJECT Radiata Plateau - 28 Pulpit Hill Rd, Katoomba

Thank you for your letter in which you raised concerns about the proposed sale of Radiata Plateau at 28 Pulpit Hill Rd, Katoomba. Council's City Sustainability Group has completed an analysis of the site's significant values and planning controls and would like to provide the Save Radiata Plateau Group with this information and outcomes to date.

Under LEP 1991 the abovementioned property is zoned part Bushland Conservation and part Environmental Protection. In addition Radiata Plateau is recognised as a regionally significant peninsular, projecting from the southern escarpment with a high visual and environmental significance.

At its Ordinary Meeting of 14 December 2004, and in response to a Notice of Motion, Council resolved:

That, as a matter of urgency, Council writes to the Member for the Blue Mountains, the Hon Bob Debus, with a copy to the Premier, the Hon Bob Carr, strongly supporting the request of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW Inc, dated 1 December 2004, that:

- 1. an Interim Protection Order be placed on the Radiata Plateau, Katoomba; and*
- 2. the subject sites are acquired in public ownership, through the Catchment Management Authority and the National Parks and Wildlife Service, for incorporation within the National Parks system.*

(Minute No. 458)

As a result of the Notice of Motion Council prepared submissions, with supporting information, to both the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) requesting the site be acquired.

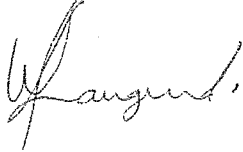
A request for the placement of an interim protection order was also tabled in letters to Member for Blue Mountains, the Hon Bob Debus, with a copy to the Premier, the Hon Bob Carr. Council understands that the Ministerial Unit of DEC is currently considering a submission from the Nature Conservation Council to this effect.



Council would appreciate your support in advising members of the Save Radiata Plateau Group of Council's position in relation to this matter.

If you require any further information regarding the above, please contact City Sustainability on (02) 4780 5815.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Langevad', written in a cursive style.

BILL LANGEVAD
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