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**Nature Conservation Saves for Tomorrow**

6 March 2013  
Mrs Roza Sage MP  
132 MacQuarie Road  
Springwood NSW 2777

Dear Mrs Sage

## **Conversion of Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plans (LEP) 1991 and 2005 to the Standard Instrument LEP (SI LEP)**

As you know the Blue Mountains Conservation Society is a volunteer community organisation, with around 900 members, dedicated to conserving the World Heritage values of the Blue Mountains Region. The Society recently wrote to the Minister of Planning Mr Brad Hazzard opposing the approach the Minister has foisted on the community in terms of the development of a consolidated SI LEP for the Blue Mountains. The letter to the Minister (copy attached) details our concerns.

As a result, the Society is launching a community campaign - "Hands of our LEPs!". More information on the campaign can be found in an article in the March edition of the Society's newsletter Hut News, which is widely distributed across the Blue Mountains and can also be found on the Society's website at <http://www.bluemountains.org.au>. To commence the campaign the Society is organising a public meeting to highlight our concerns and to ensure the community is made aware of what is happening and the risks to our environment and the World Heritage Area. We would be keen for you to attend this public meeting and an invitation will be sent to you shortly.

We have also written to your colleague Mr Stuart Ayres (Penrith) outlining our concerns. In addition we have also written to the federal member Ms Louise Markus, the local federal duty Senator, Mr Doug Cameron, and the Federal Minister for the Environment, given conservation of World Heritage Areas is shared by both the State and Commonwealth government. We believe the Commonwealth should be actively involved on this issue. We have also sent copies of our letter to the BMCC General Manager, Mayor and Councillors.

We would be keen to meet with you to further outline our concerns. I look forward to your early reply.

Yours sincerely

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