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Via email: ElectorateOffice.BlueMountains@parliament.nsw.gov.au

URGENT Purchase of Radiata Plateau – the missing piece in the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society (BMCS) is a community based volunteer organisation with over 800 members. It is the oldest continuing environmental organisation in the Blue Mountains. The goal of the Society is to promote the conservation of the environment in the Greater Blue Mountains region.

The Society and the Blue Mountains community are calling on the NSW Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean to make a landmark conservation decision and purchase Radiata Plateau for inclusion in the Blue Mountains National Park. A copy of the letter to Minister Kean is attached.

The Plateau is privately owned and has just been listed for sale on the open market. Urgent action is required - the time to act is now before the opportunity to purchase the Plateau is lost forever.

Prior to the state election, on 22 February 2019, yourself and Ms Penny Sharpe, the then Deputy Leader of the Opposition announced that Labor, if it won office, would engage with the landowner of Radiata Plateau to actively pursue purchase of the land and ensure its addition to the national park system. The announcement went on to recognise the long standing community campaign to conserve the Plateau's biodiversity, heritage and scenic values.

As a valued long term supporter of the campaign to have Radiata Plateau purchased by the NSW Government and included in the national parks system, we are writing to you to again ask you to make representations on behalf of the community.

The Society and the Blue Mountains community are making an urgent plea that you uphold Labor's commitment and help us to conserve the Plateau, including making representations to Minister Kean. The Plateau is available to purchase now, and there is a willing vendor whose preference is to sell to the NSW Government for the area to be reserved for conservation. This maybe the last chance to acquire the Plateau – we urge you to assist us in ensuring a lasting legacy for the NSW community.

We have also written to Kate Washington MP, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

We request an urgent meeting with you to discuss the Plateau and its future. Please contact me on the number below to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lachlan Garland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lachlan Garland
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