



Blue Mountains Conservation Society Inc

ABN 38 686 119 087

PO Box 29 Wentworth Falls NSW 2782

Phone: (02) 4757 1872

E-Mail: bmcs@bluemountains.org.au Web Site: www.bluemountains.org.au

Nature Conservation Saves for Tomorrow

09 July 2019

Kate Washington MP
Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Via email: portstephens@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Washington

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, Ms Penny Sharpe, the then Deputy Leader of the Opposition and local member Ms Trish Doyle 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. A copy of Ms Sharpe's media release is attached.

The Society and the Blue Mountains community are making an urgent plea that you as Shadow Minister for the Environment uphold Labor's commitment and help us to conserve the Plateau, including making representations on the community's behalf 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 Ms Trish Doyle, Member for Blue Mountains. Ms Doyle has been 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 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
President
Blue Mountains Conservation Society
mobile 0415 317 078 or email president@bluemountains.org.au