

# SAVE RADIATA PLATEAU



*View towards the western cliff-line of Radiata Plateau & Black's Ladders (an historical pass that Aborigines and early white settlers used to traverse between Katoomba and Megalong Valley)*

To: The Honourable BOB DEBUS  
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
Level 36 Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Debus,

Radiata Plateau (also known as Elphinstone Plateau) is the last remaining undeveloped peninsula-plateau in the upper southern escarpment. This area of outstanding topography has the last remaining unpolluted water catchments with rare and endemic plant species whose survival depends on the area remaining undisturbed.

The Transcendental Meditation Organization, via one of its corporate arms (Maharishi's Global Administration through Natural Law Ltd), now proposes to sell Radiata Plateau as three separate parcels of land for development. Prospective purchasers would aim to develop the land within the limited constraints imposed under the zonation of residential Bushland Conservation.

Fragmentation of Radiata Plateau by ANY development would result in the loss of its high conservation value. It would necessarily reduce public accessibility for recreational and educational purposes, impinge on the green belt between Katoomba and Medlow Bath, and increase the probability of polluted stream catchments. Rare plants and historical values would also be compromised.

We ask you to take action to ensure that:

- An Interim Protection Order be placed on Radiata Plateau;
- Privately-held portions of Radiata Plateau be progressively acquired and added to the system of National Parks or State Recreation Areas.

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