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COMPROMISE ON RADIATA PLATEAU NOT AN OPTION 3 February 2005

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW (NCC) today applauded the Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) on its recent decision to protect the Radiata Plateau from the threat of future urban development. However, the NCC emphasised the importance of BMCC not compromising its position in the future.

"NCC welcomes Blue Mountains City Council's support of the proposal to provide protection of this ecologically sensitive site," said Daniela Gambotto, NCC's Urban and Coastal Campaigner.

"However, it is critical that support from the Council is ongoing. In particular, we are concerned about the possibility of a compromise being made that would see protection of part of the site in exchange for more intensive development on the remainder of the site."

"This is not a viable option, and the land must be protected in its entirety. Development on any portion of the site would result in the destruction of the ecological integrity of the Radiata Plateau."

"As far as NCC is concerned, public acquisition of the entire site is the only option," said Miss Gambotto.

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