



27<sup>th</sup> January 2005

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Minister for Energy and Utilities  
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Dear Mr Sartor,

### **Request for Release of "Working Papers" for Redfern – Waterloo**

REDWatch has now had the opportunity to go through the papers delivered to the Legislative Council under the call for papers. We note that none of the "working papers" which looked at options for Redfern Waterloo were included in the documents made available to the Legislative Council.

At your meeting with the REDWatch delegation last year, we expressed the strong view that if the documents similar to the one the SMH used were now only "working papers" for then RWA they should be released so that the community could see what options had been looked at by Government following the draft RED strategy consultations.

At that meeting you indicated a preparedness to consider this course of action, but indicated that due to the number of documents to be read and the lack of time you would not be able to consider this before Christmas.

The January REDWatch meeting was of the view that the release of these "working papers" was essential so that residents can understand the options already looked at by Government following the RED Strategy consultation. Only with such information will the community be able to provide the informed "constructive input towards positive outcomes" that we are all seeking.

Following the RED Strategy timeline and consultation framework, the community expected the Government would report back to the community on the range of issues covered in the consultation and the Government's response on the options discussed before a further round of RED consultations.

The release of the working documents would enable the community to understand the work undertaken to date and enable them to provide constructive input. It would also overcome much of the suspicion and mistrust that exists as a result of both the communities' dealings with the RWPP during the RED consultation and the suspicion that that the unreleased documents include concrete cabinet decisions about aspects of a plan which the RWA has been established to implement.



REDWatch is hence writing to formally requesting the release of the RED documents. We are also of the view that there should be a public meeting following the release to clarify any matters and to answer community questions about the documents.

It is important that the RWA is up-front with residents and the broader Redfern Waterloo community from the beginning, so that an informed constructive working relationship can be established between all those involved in Redfern-Waterloo's future.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Turnbull', with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the signature.

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