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The Hon. Ian Macdonald, MLC
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Dear Sir.

Lake Illawarra Entrance – Sand Dredging

We have been told by the Lake Illawarra Authority (LIA) that the dredge will arrive on 12 February and that dredging will start on 19 February 2007.

The contract is to dredge 200,000 cubic-meters (m³) of sand from the entrance.

We have been told, by a reliable source, that the amount of sand needing removal is more in the vicinity of 400,000 m³.

The contractor has the latest equipment and from satellite images he can calculate the amount of sand moved daily.

The amended plans show a clear dredged channel from the Berageree Island to the Ocean.

QUESTIONS:

1. What happens when the contractor has excavated 200,000 m³? And the excavated channel as per amended approved plans has not reached the Ocean
2. Will the dredging stop?
3. Will this be the end of the project?
4. Will this be another half finished project by the LIA?
5. Does the LIA have enough money to finish the project?
6. Will we get the clear channel from Ocean to Berageree Island.?
7. Have the LIA mismanaged again?
8. Will the ratepayers be asked again for more money for a Government project which is managed by a Government Agency?
9. Will the LIA ask the Government for any extra money?
10. Will the Government provide more money?

We expect an answer to these question now not after the elections.

Yours Faithfully

Bruce Carter
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