

# Protectors of Public Lands (PPL)

A Coalition of community action groups, environmental organisations and local councils whose charter is to protect and preserve significant public lands in public ownership for present and future generations.

Dear Candidate

Re: PPL State Election Pledge 2003

Protectors of Public Lands (PPL) is a Coalition of major environmental organisations in this State, thirty community groups and coalitions, and nine councils. Its aim is to ensure that significant public lands remain in public ownership and control, and are properly preserved, protected and managed. This aim has strong support throughout the community.

Member groups of PPL were involved in the successful public campaign to prevent the sale to private developers of significant parts of the former Commonwealth Defence sites around Sydney Harbour. Recently PPL was involved in ensuring that all of Callan Park, and the Hunters Hill High School site on the Lane Cove river, remain in public ownership for appropriate public uses. However, many significant public sites are still at risk of sale or inappropriate leasing.

Protectors operates by consensus and by unanimous resolutions. It is non-party political. All members of PPL have agreed to seek a commitment from Candidates to the State Election to support a principled approach to protecting public lands and the passing through Parliament of appropriate Legislation.

To this end we enclose the State Election Pledge 2003.

We feel confident that the principles embodied in this State Election Pledge will meet the support of all Candidates. We have already received wide support from individuals within all political parties.

The return of the signed Pledge by 7 March 2003 would be appreciated as PPL will be holding a Media Launch on Sunday 9 March to make a number of announcements, including the results to that stage of the Pledge.

All relevant information about PPL can be found on the website [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/ppl.html](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/ppl.html) The National Trust is one of our member groups and is assisting with the administration of PPL. The website includes details of members, the Charter, the Principles behind future Legislation, and the State Election Pledge 2003.

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Yours sincerely,



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