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Greens MP and Councillors condemn motorway destruction of Wolli Creek Regional Park

Greens MP Cate Faehrmann has joined with Greens Mayor and candidate for Marrickville, Fiona Byrne, and Greens Councillors Lesa de Leau from Rockdale and Linda Eisler from Canterbury, to condemn the Roads and Traffic Authority's plan to build a cut and cover tunnel through sensitive remnant bushland at Wolli Creek in Sydney's inner south west.

"The Labor Government promised to protect the valley in a new regional Park over thirteen years ago, and it seems they are about to sit back and watch this irreplaceable community asset destroyed by the RTA", said Fiona Byrne.

"The park is a great asset to the people of the whole inner south west, an area with little in the way of natural heritage and under immense pressure to hold onto the remaining valuable bushland we have.

"The Labor Government must take full responsibility for this debacle, assert its authority and immediately deliver on its promise to return this land to the people. The community should not have to wait for another government to deliver on Labor's promise of a regional park and the Government must tell the RTA who's boss.

"The great struggle to save this piece of inner Sydney bushland by the Wolli Creek Preservation



Society (WCPS) has been going on for nearly thirty years. They speak for all residents of the area whose united voice says only one thing, 'save Wolli Creek'.

"The WCPS have also fought the hard fight against the myths of motorways, myths Labor seem incapable of challenging.

"Labor have kow-towed to the road building lobby once more, and this city is crying out for a massive increase in public transport, particularly rail transport. What we don't need is more trucks on the road, which is what the M5

expansion will mean as it is proposed to link it to Port Botany and the planned intermodal and Moorebank.

“The Greens will stand by the people of the Wollli Creek Valley, and are committed to immediately transferring all publicly owned land to the regional park and ensuring it can never again be threatened by the RTA”, said Byrne.

The Greens Councillors vowed to lay down in front of the bulldozers if necessary to stop the latest act of vandalism against the environment by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Cate Faehrmann MLC, Fiona Byrne Mayor of Marrickville and Greens candidate, Cllr Linda Eisler and Cllr Lesa de Leau will be touring the bushland at Wollli Creek tomorrow at 2.30pm on Johnson St. via Homer St Earlwood with Peter Stevens of the Wollli Creek Preservation Society.

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