

**Combined groups' rally and march on Parliament**

# "DAY OF RECKONING"

**Sunday 11 February 2007**

**Assemble in Hyde Park at 11 am**

Join over 30 community groups protesting against the planning policies of the lemma government. Call on Labor to respect private property rights. **Demand 5 acres now**, not more urban congestion.

## **Wendell Cox to lend support to rally**

We are pleased to announce that the internationally-renowned expert on urban "sprawl" and "smart growth", Wendell Cox, has accepted an invitation to speak at an information evening to be held in conjunction with the rally. An outspoken critic of urban consolidation and central planning, Cox debunks it all with humour and authority drawn from decades working in the field. You may have heard him on Alan Jones, now is your chance to hear him speak in person.

2 other speakers will be addressing the meeting on issues related to planning, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. A number of politicians have confirmed they will be present, and with the election so close, this will be a good time to get their attention.

### **WENDELL COX INFORMATION EVENING**

Where: North Ryde RSL  
cnr Magdala & Pittwatter Rds, North Ryde.

When: Monday 5 February 2007  
Registration 6:30pm; 7 pm start.

Tickets: \$40 (credit cards accepted) includes finger food  
Contact John Wheatley, Tel: 9651-5522  
or call into Century 21 Prime Property, Dural.

For more information about Wendell Cox, visit: [www.publicpurpose.com](http://www.publicpurpose.com). For further information on the problems with planning in Australia, download the booklets "Home Truths" & "The Tragedy of Planning" from [www.greataustraliandream.net.au](http://www.greataustraliandream.net.au).

## **Council blocks erection of 5 Acres Now signs**

In our last newsletter, we outlined details of a signage campaign advocating rezoning to 5 acres. Unfortunately council officers removed the majority of the signs within days, claiming they were "illegal", and threatening to issue fines. We are continuing to explore ways to continue with the campaign, in the meantime, thanks to all who participated, short-lived as it was.

### **More information ...**

The primary aim of **5 Acres Now** is to regain the right, withdrawn some 40 years ago, to subdivide large lots to 5 acres in the so-called "rural" area of the shire of Baulkham Hills. That's why we are called **5 Acres Now**. We believe this is a very reasonable goal

that will benefit the area by restoring a moderate level of growth without undue impact upon the environment or infrastructure. To find out more, visit our website: [www.5acresnow.com.au](http://www.5acresnow.com.au), or contact us as detailed below.

## **President's Column**

In our last newsletter we referred to the formation of a committee comprising representatives of groups negatively affected by state government and council planning policies. Since then, membership has grown, with now more than 30 groups involved. Clearly there are a great many people unhappy about the way bureaucrats have taken over our lives.

In our particular case, perhaps the most irritating aspect is the lack of any sound reason for opposing our call to reduce the minimum lot size to 5 acres, and the fact that it would benefit many others apart from our members.

For each existing 25 acre lot, up to 4 other families could gain the opportunity to live an acreage lifestyle; work could be created for many builders and tradespeople; and local businesses and village centres could become more viable. Wider social benefits include contributions towards reducing urban congestion, additional funding for improving local infrastructure, lower land prices, and greater choice for purchasers and current owners.

It seems very sensible to me.

**Alex Davidson, President.**

PS: Don't forget to renew your membership! Send \$10 to the address below.