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CRIME DOES PAY, FOR SOME

In April 2014 the Rapid Creek Landcare Group was devastated to find over four hectares of native vegetation allegedly illegally cleared at 1 Boulter Road in the Rapid Creek catchment. Over a year and a half later Minister Tollner has still not prosecuted this case. The Minister has stated that the case has been handed over to police for investigation.

The Landcare Group was appalled to discover this week that Minister Tollner has approved the exhibition of a proposal by the owner of 1 Boulter Road to rezone the land from Community Purposes to Multiple Dwelling Residential.

The Minister can refuse such a proposal without exhibiting it. He should have refused it because:

- It is outrageous to contemplate that someone who has allegedly carried out such extensive illegal clearing be allowed to rezone that same block of land to allow for development, and
- The proposal to rezone to Multiple Dwelling Residential is clearly not in line with the Berrimah North Area Plan and Planning Principles

The Rapid Creek Landcare Group calls on Minister Tollner to:

- Withdraw the rezoning proposal, and
- Immediately use his powers under the *Planning Act* to prosecute the owners, and all of their contractors, to the full extent of the law, and to have the area, now covered in noxious weeds, fully rehabilitated.

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Further information on this issue:

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