



STEP INC.

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Community Based Environmental Conservation

NEWSLETTER

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LIVING IN THE GREENHOUSE

We enclose with this newsletter two copies of our poster advertising the talk by Dr David Ellyard which takes place on August 21. Yes, August 21, not the previous week as we advised you in the June newsletter.

The beautiful poster was designed by STEP member and artist Yvonne Langshaw. We hope you will use the posters on our behalf to publicise the meeting - friends, neighbours, relatives : whoever you think would be interested. We are planning for a great roll up on August 21 and are arranging extra happenings to add to the occasion.

Happenings. One of our members, Mrs Jeanne Torma, a potter, has kindly donated a beautiful pit-fired pot to be raffled; there are lucky door prizes to be won; there'll be a native plant stall; T-shirts supporting the Coalition against Lane Cove Valley Freeways, and STEP publications will be on sale; and we will display the winners of the children's painting/colouring competition. The hall is heated, and supper will be served.

Children's painting/colouring competition. The rules for this competition are as follows:

1. The STEP poster, black and white version, advertising the talk "Living in the Greenhouse", may be painted or coloured using any medium.
2. Children aged 5-12 are eligible to enter, one entry only per child. The entry is to be entirely the child's own work.
3. On the back of each entry must appear the name, age and address of the entrant.
4. Entries must reach the STEP committee by 5 pm on Thursday August 17. They may be posted or delivered to 19 Kingsford Avenue or 242 Kissing Point Rd, Turramurra.
5. All children are eligible to enter, whether or not members of STEP.
6. STEP judges will announce the winners at the David Ellyard meeting on August 21.

Extra copies of the poster can be picked up at the supermarket, Kissing Point Rd shopping centre (corner of Auluba Rd). Our thanks to the proprietor for his assistance.

ONCE AGAIN PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF DR ELLYARD'S TALK : AUGUST 21, 8 pm

THE CASTLEREAGH FREEWAY

STEP was pleased to be invited to send a representative to the RTA Consultative Committee. John Burke has kindly agreed to represent us. We have made a substantial submission to the RTA on the F2 Castlereagh Freeway Environmental Impact Statement. The final page of the submission is reproduced below.

Summary

STEP submits that;

1. This EIS has been produced as a discrete planning decision which does not form part of a total Sydney demographic and transport plan because such a plan does not exist. Thus the whole Castlereagh concept should be abandoned until such a plan is created.
2. The Castlereagh as now proposed will, despite easing congestion in the short term, produce increased congestion and fuel wastage. It is thus an expensive exercise in futility and should not proceed.
3. The E.I.S. is deficient in many aspects, especially its treatment of noise, and thus its conclusions are not acceptable.
4. The Castlereagh as now proposed will have most adverse impacts on the natural and peopled environment along its path. Such impact should be countenanced only if very considerable long term offsetting benefits are provided. None are, and hence the project should not proceed.
5. The Castlereagh is a project which threatens the very essence of Sydney as a great city because it alienates part of the Lane Cove Valley bushland. This is unacceptable.

STEP recommends that the E.I.S. be not determined and that the R.T.A. recommend to the Government that a far reaching demographic and transport plan be developed for the whole Sydney region. Road construction should then proceed in accordance with this plan.

If you would like to see a copy of the full submission, please ring 449 8945.

SPRING BUSHWALK

While you're planning to attend the David Ellyard meeting on 21 August, don't forget our spring bushwalk on the previous day. It's an annual event for STEP, always enjoyable. We reprint the information in the June Bulletin.

This event takes place every year as STEP's celebration of the beautiful bushland in the Upper Lane Cove Valley. We hope as many STEP members and friends as possible will join us to view the wildflowers and native plants. The walk will take about 2 hours, the pace will be leisurely, and children are welcome. Refreshments will be served at the end of the afternoon. The walk will not be held if it's raining. **SAVE THE DATE**

Date: Sunday 20th August, 2 pm Enquiries : Glenn Johnson, 489 2722

Place: Meet at the George Christie Playing Field, Yanilla Avenue,
off The Broadway, Wahroonga.