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PROJECT: MARIO COVAS RODOANEL- NORTHERN SECTION

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HOW CAN AN INSTITUTION LIKE THE IDB SUPPORT THE DESTRUCTION OF A PROTECTED AREA LIKE THE MATA ATLANTICA

The route of the Northern Section of the Rodoanel will imply a huge degradation of the Cantareira State Park. The Environmental Impact Studies (EIA/RIMA) are ridden by very grave omissions and vices of origin that both the Sao Paulo Government and DERSA have not taken into consideration, stepping on everyone and everything. In December 2009, a management plan for the Cantareira State Park was approved by the CONSEMA and which is not being taken into consideration. This Management Plan, PROHIBITS the construction of new car lanes or new roads that might divide the Park, the movement or extraction of any Rock, the deviation of phreatic mantles; the cutting or extraction of existing vegetation; the use of explosives within the Park and others. All that is prohibited is going to happen. They say that 16 different routes were studied and that the one selected was the one with the lower environmental impact, why did they not present to anyone the other 14 alternative routes studied were it not for the internal route or external via the south of the mountain. Technicians from the Environmental Municipal Ministry raised almost 70 points to be answered or explained, but Minister Eduardo Jorge only presented 3 of which one was that there would be no linkage to Av. Inajar de Souza, as that would generate degradation to the region. As seen, not even that was taken into consideration as the route approved by CONSEMA will link to the Avenue. Even the Master Plan of the City of Sao Paulo is being disregarded by the Government of Sao Paulo and DERSA.

If you had heard the interview given by the Executive Secretary of the Office of Promotion of Justice for Housing and Urbanism of the Capital to the journalist Milton Jung of the Globo Radio System, on June 29, you would attest that I am not lying and that the Master Plan of the City of Sao Paulo is being torn. The State of Sao Paulo must be one generating the large number of Environmental Protection Laws and also a signatory of diverse National and International Treaties, but it is also the one, no doubt, that least complies with them. The Cantareira Sierra has been recognized by CONDEPHAAT, by IPHAN, by UNESCO as Biosphere Reserve of the Green Belt of the City of Sao Paulo Biosphere and that also has no relevance.

Until when will we allow our authorities, which should be complying and preserving the laws at the Federal, State and Municipal level, to continue its non-compliance? Everything said here was discussed and presented to different State environmental institutions well as to the Sao Paulo Municipal Authority but have not obtained any answers with the exception of the General Attorney's office.

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