

Submission to

Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools (SSD-9343) AND
(related) Multi-Trades and Digital Technology Hub at TAFE Meadowbank (SSD-9343)

To whom it may concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions to these projects.

I am thrilled about the proposed upgrades to the existing Meadowbank TAFE site, but I am deeply concerned about the lack of planning for parking and transport logistics to an area already suffering extreme congestion following extensive development in Meadowbank and non-existent upgrades to our already struggling transport system. Residents already suffer at the hands of inconsiderate TAFE students and now you want to add 2500 students to an area that has no infrastructure from the new developments.

The proposal underestimates the future traffic needs and has no solution, hoping that brochures and carpooling will solve it!

I laughed very hard at your transport report¹ that has many flaws – the parking survey was taken on 28 June 2018 (p22), a time when TAFE holidays, this facility is a major headache for residents because of the lack of parking onsite and in the area ! Why would this be conducted in a holiday period – I see this as nothing short of stupidity and the lack of respect for residents.

The addition of 2500 students + 200 staff (plus TAFE) to the site is an extremely large number of students and staff to be circulating in and around Meadowbank every day from approximately 7am-830pm, this does not take into account the already devious drivers selecting back streets as a rat run and easy way to beat the traffic on Victoria Road.

Residents' concerns and the areas that have been inadequately considered are as follows: -

- **The transport volume has NOT been addressed**
 - The study shows the area as heavily loaded (based on one day sample mind you)
 - The proposal to funnel buses through Victoria Rd -Bowden Street intersection which is already overloaded and your own study shows this will have lengthy delays.
 - NOT ACCEPTABLE!
- **The proposed parking for staff is a joke**
 - 75% drive now but only 50% parking?
 - This is on top of removing parking in Rhodes and Macpherson street further exacerbating the problem
 - Parking in the area is already an extreme premium with extensive parking controls due to the TAFE (which isn't reducing) as TAFE students are often tradies who travel from work to TAFE and hence need parking
- Residents already suffer at the hands of the TAFE parking let alone adding more (which the report in my opinion is null and void, as you stupidly reviewed this during the holidays)

¹Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment SSD 18_9343 – School project, although similar assumptions were used in the TAFE transport report ref N172560

- **The drop off facilities for this massive primary school are not realistic**
 - Young children will require to be dropped off by a parent in a car (and often needing to park due to other younger siblings) – where do they park?
 - The sheer volume of drop offs for the number of spaces appears to be based on a somebody who has never visited the area or has never dropped a child at school.
“even spread” of drop offs over time is not the answer– people move at their own pace – not yours.
 - The walk from the new mega developments to the school is 20 mins? No free bus, as they are inside the magical 2.3kms, so parents will drive them.

- **The lack of planning will cause parents / staff to make use of rat runs through the area**
 - If the parents have to get their kids to school, then they will clog all the side streets
 - Hermitage road and Bowden street are already a major problem.

- **TAFE - The TAFE parking needs to be quadrupled and offered at no charge to students.**
 - TAFE students are often tradies who travel from work to TAFE and hence need parking (ie can't use public transport)
 - Residents already suffer hell from the TAFE parking let alone adding more
 - The underground carpark needs to allow access for trade vehicles – make height clearance acceptable
 - Parking to be free for TAFE students – paid parking simply pushes TAFE students onto the streets affecting residents. **MAKE PARKING FREE FOR STUDENTS**

Next Steps

- The transport study report needs to be done again during the “normal busy time” NOT TAFE holidays or the first few weeks of a TAFE term.
- Fix the transport problem first – the rat runs need to be addressed – Forsyth street is getting smashed with traffic already and I am calling you to make this a cul-de-sac street at the Victoria Road end... We are a Heritage listed street (so Ryde Council says) and any renovations or developments a painful to get approved....
- The scale of the development needs to be adjusted to work with transport and traffic
- The school needs a bus turnaround bay incorporated into it (similar to the design at Meadowbank railway station) – The natural topography of the land offer you multiple places to build this – build this properly first time around.
- Add adequate parking – it should be at least at current standard and not based on hope that people will catch the train – they don't now, so why will they soon..remember under 2.3 km's and it's not free.
- Support the upgrade of transport interactions in accordance with the Greater Sydney Commission
- TAFE parking needs to larger
- TAFE parking needs to be free

Thanks

Forsyth Street,