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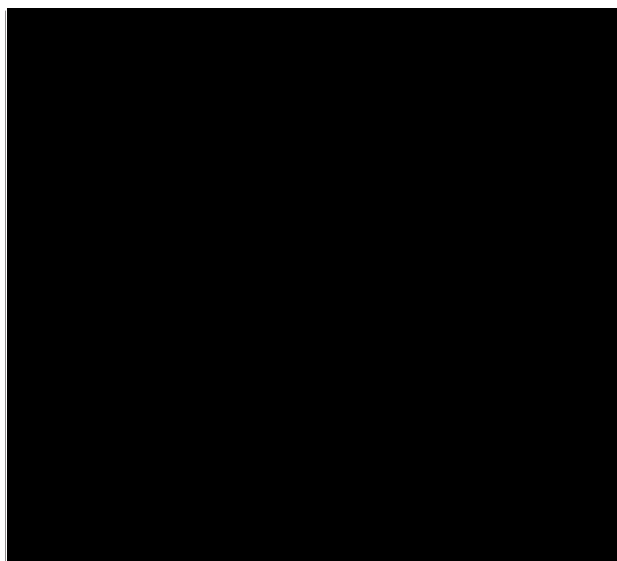
Application Number: SSD-30759158 - Minarah College

I request that my private information (name and address) not be disclosed.

I declare that I have not made any reportable political donations.

I would like to OPPOSE the proposed Minarah College

Sincerely



Submission to **object** to the proposed Development for Minarah College to be located at 278 Catherine Fields Road, Catherine Field NSW 2557
Application Number
SSD-30759158

There are an alarming number of social, environmental, and social issues which I would like to raise as a strong **objection** to the proposed development.

After carefully reviewing several of the documents submitted for review I have found them to be contradictory in nature, incomplete, inaccurate, in some case false and misleading. There have been very high level assumptions made with no fact based analysis to support those assumptions.

My family moved to Catherine Field in 1991 in order to enjoy a rural lifestyle. We had horses and used our 5 acres to ride and care for the horses, it was a great lifestyle for a teenager growing up, in a very close knit and safe community.

However, upon review of the reports I have clear concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of the community should this development proceed. These concerns in fact affect anyone passing through the area.

The area is zoned a rural residential area with no allowance for a school previously noted.

The fact that the reports state there are no safety issues is obviously ignoring the fact that there are no existing footpaths or cycle ways, and no plans for adding any to an already busy road. With often the only option in a rural area for people walk along the edge of the road, often with children, pets or even livestock, I find it difficult to believe that this does not represent a safety issue in a 80km speed zone, compounded by an vast increase to expected traffic.

It has been noted that approximately 80%-90% of children will arrive at the school by private vehicle with one child per car. Even at only 80% this represents 1,264 extra vehicles utilising only 1 dedicated entry point and 1 exit point during arrival periods of one hour each in the morning and afternoon. With a 15 min window of peak arrivals and only 30 kiss and drop parking spots, with no contingency for heavy traffic or accidents. This clearly represents a serious issue for the wellbeing of the children of the school, the local community and those people using Catherine Fields Road as a means of travelling between Campbelltown/Narellan area and Penrith. There have been fatalities on this road in past years representing the severe impact to the safety of anyone in the area.

The report also states that the proposed education establishment is unlikely to generate significant impacts in terms of privacy. However, the report then details that it is likely

noise will be generated through the construction period, which spans a number of years, then following the operation of the school, in particular when children are playing in outdoor areas, with the use of school bells and the PA system. The only action to mitigate the noise issue noted would be to face the PA systems away from surrounding houses, however, no other issues were addressed.

The report states that they will be adding value by providing a hall and sports fields. Catherine Field already have a community hall and sports fields available for the community use and therefore these are of little to no use to the local community.

The impact to health and wellbeing has not been addressed when there is 7 day per week access for the hall and sports field with lighting to 9pm and 10pm at night. Catherine Field is an aging community with the rural area being a lifestyle which enjoys a quiet homelife.

The school is not a benefit to the local community as most children are coming from outside the area, and this does not align with a rural lifestyle environment. There are a number of existing schools established in the area, and others under development, some of which have been neglected being named in the report.

Reviewing the Preliminary Overland Flow Assessment does not satisfactorily deal with stormwater runoff. The report was undertaken in September and November 2021, prior to the heavy flooding of roads, and the resultant road closures that have been experienced over the years, most recently in 2022. Anthony Road would be a main road leading to the school, which has seen fatalities over the years directly from flooding of the causeway.

There is no plan to deal with excess water other than to have the water diverted to Catherine Fields Road, and then to run through the properties opposite the school. The preliminary report stated that proposed diversion pipes under the southern car park with a proposed pit and pipe system on Catherine Fields Road, including the upsized culvert crossing under the road to drain through the properties located opposite to the school. This is a terrible outcome for the properties opposite and could lead to flooding of houses, which has never occurred previously.

There is no sewerage in Catherine Field, and none proposed at this stage, yet there are no clear plans for waste management at the school for approximately 1600 people. There has been no improvement to the roads in Catherine Field and nothing in the reports that addresses this vital infrastructure. There are no plans for providing footpaths, bike pathways, storm water run off or waste management for this development. The area remains zoned rural residential. Surrounding properties are acreage properties and the lifestyle, and safety of the residents will be being severely impacted with a development

of this size, which fails to address many social, environmental and safety factors.