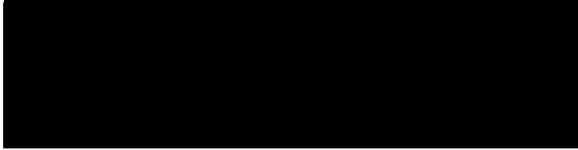


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I am opposed to the construction of Minarah College as per the following letter.

This cover letter is for the purpose of me not wanting my personal details published.

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Minarah College – SSD-30759158 – Objection to proposal

I would like to object to the propose Minarah College being built on Catherine Fields Road in Catherine Field, as a long-time resident I bring you the below reasons why this school should not move forward with construction.

- i. There would be significant congestions to our roads. Catherine Fields is not like our surrounding suburbs that have schools where you can use multiple streets to get around. The impact I feel will be greatly on Catherine Fields Road and Springfield Road, the congestion this will cause with a few hundred extra cars using this road daily will affect the residents who have been here for many years, it will also cause more damage to the roads, meaning more road works will need to happen causing more delays and congestions on the road.
- ii. The neighbourhood character is based on a semi-rural environment which is what Catherine Field is based around. Even when a new dwelling is constructed Camden Council are very strict to ensure that the façade fits in with the semi-rural environment which they have created for more than 30 years. Having an eyesore of a school with the capacity of 1500 students takes away from the semi-rural character. Fitting in with this description of the land a school if one was to be built should have no more than only a few hundred students (being no more than 300) otherwise it becomes like many other schools that are built within the residential areas.
- iii. Being a semi-rural suburb, a lot of homes have animals, the excess pollution which is unnecessary will affect those animals. There are also the people who grow foods to supply to us, the pollution that will be caused will have a great impact on them.
- iv. Safety on our roads, now I know I mentioned early the congestion but what about the safety on the roads. Living in a semi-rural area you understand the fact that you can have a kangaroo or animal jump out in front of you, its not like driving in a residential area. We have local walkers, and as we do not have any footpaths people need to walk on the front grass of people's homes, again as there are no footpaths this becomes very hazarded for walkers and especially those who take there kids out for walk. The roads will be safer without the congestion of traffic with people rushing to get or pickup children from school.
- v. This last point affects the sale of resident's homes should they wish to sell. I strongly believe this will affect the loss of value to each and everyone's property. With the congestion as mentioned above I feel will happen, no one will want to live close to the school let alone pay a reasonable about of money should they wish to. The reason these residents purchase in Catherine Field is for the quiet lifestyle. The room they can have without homes on top of each other, you aren't just purchasing a home in Catherine Field but rather a lifestyle and with a school built to the capacity they wish to this does not sell the lifestyle therefore affecting the value of the homes in this suburb.

I ask that you really understand and take these points into consideration with looking at this proposal and understand that due to the above, this school will not be a fit for our area.

Thankyou in advance for taking the time to read this.

Kind Regards

Catherine Field Resident

