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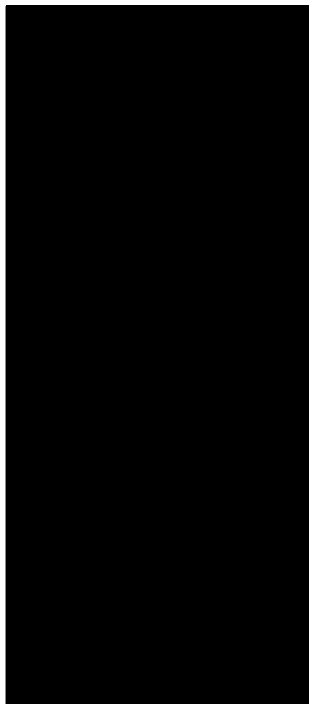
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am opposed to the new school that is proposed for Catherine Field. I do not believe it is suitable to have a school within the area as this is a rural zoned location.

The following concerns also need to be addressed and resolved before any school is built in the area.

1) Roads.

The proposed location Catherine Field Road is a major Thorofare for traffic and is used by many vehicles including heavy vehicles that reside in the area. Catherine Field Road is a narrow road that is in very poor condition and with the increase in traffic will only deteriorate at a quicker rate. Who is responsible to maintain this road? Will the increase in traffic related to the school contribute to the road maintenance or upgrade? This road is in such poor condition that typically after rain potholes appear making it more dangerous. As Catherine Field Road will now have a 40 k/h speed limit many vehicles will begin using other roads namely Chisholm rd / Deepfield rd, and these roads too are in a poor state of repair.

Also, there are NO footpaths or bike lanes along any roads in this area so any Parents/Children walking or bike riding will be at high risk. There are no plans to upgrade the roads to include footpaths and/or bike lanes.

2) Parking.

Will this new school have its own drive-in, drop-off & drive-out area (as one would expect in a modern school) so to NOT interfere with road traffic or will it be same as Austral AND many other schools where many parents simply park "at will" without care before/during/after school hours making traffic horrendous and dangerous to surrounding traffic with police prepared to do little to enforce the law in regards to no parking/no stopping rules etc. People living in close proximity will be unable to use their own driveways as parents will selfishly park in driveways with NO regards to courtesy, as other schools in similar areas have shown. AGAIN, driver familiar with these conditions will us other roads to avoid Catherine Fields road around school hours, PEEK DRIVING TIMES.

3) Sewer.

Another concern is sewer. Since every property in the area has their own septic system due to no town system how will a system for a school that supports over one thousand people be operated/maintained. With heavy rains will a school of over 1000 students have a system able to cope in heavy rains without effecting residents downstream. We are not aware of any plans to connect the sewer system to existing infrastructure at this time.

4) Hour of operation

We were informed the school will operate 7 days a week up to 10pm. Any people living within close proximity who moved into the area moved into a Rural location, NOT a Urban location. No other businesses operate these hours in this area. Allowing these business hours threatens the lifestyle of those who moved into the area. This includes excess noise, extra traffic and general disruption to the area.

I feel it is total inappropriate to have ANY school or business in this area and total object.

I have never made any political donations to any political party, ever.

