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17 July 2022

Dear Mr Mahmud

RE: Submission SSD 30759158

I am a local resident and wish to oppose the proposed Minarah College Development above.

The reasons on which I base my objection are listed below.

The road is not equipped to deal with the amount of traffic proposed on the site with congestion involving many buses and cars throughout the day.

Off street parking requires entry to the site from Catherine Field Rd only, there is no "back door" entry.

Traffic will become backlogged with those wishing to enter the site waiting for oncoming traffic before proceeding onsite with no planned road upgrades by council.

The proposed area would require school zone implementation – this is a rural road and will slow the flow of traffic considerably. Residents have no other road option to exit the area so adding a go slow zone area impedes the local community.

6.7.1 of Mitigation Measure of the Environmental Impact Statement notes the location as not being connected by pedestrian or cycle pathways and that there are currently bus stops further down from the site. How will students potentially arrive from the bus stops to the site if walking or riding? This situation presents unsafe at present let alone with the rise of increased use of the road by a 1500-person educational facility. There is no road guttering to speak of only gravelled uneven surfaces that pool water. 6.7.2 states "Currently there are no provisions or anticipated future provisions for footpaths or cycling paths along the Catherine Fields Road frontage in either direction"

Under 6.6.2 of Mitigation Measures of the Environmental Impact Statement, it says rainwater harvesting will be used and minimal water will be required for landscaping. What happens in the instance of excessive rain, as has been the case in the past 12 months? This excess water will then find its way to Catherine Field Road. As concluded in The Overland Flow assessment by Martens the only way to mitigate is by using "diversion pipes and a swale along the southern boundary of the site to capture and divert the upstream overland flows to Catherine Fields road" This just takes the water to a different section of Catherine Field Road leaving others vulnerable and in danger of flooding. The site will have vast hard surfaced areas including roofing which is just more water to be diverted via Martens solution. I experienced flooding at my property this year on two occasions and in both instances I was unable to leave my home via the roads due to flooding along Catherine Field Road from the southern boundary of the site to the intersection of Heatherfield Close, which had to be closed down to traffic meaning the road was not accessible. This caused myself and my

family immense stress, property damage and concern not to mention the danger involved with trying to leave our street by vehicle.

In addition, 6.7.2 of the Mitigation Measures of the Environmental Impact Statement indicates that there will be 30 kiss and ride access spots which, even if used correctly, will mean additional cars in excess of the 30 will be required to "wait their turn" along Catherine Field Road before entering the site.

Furthermore, traffic will continue to impact the area during weekend periods with the proposal of the site being used in a sporting capacity as well as the use of a multi-purpose hall. How will traffic and parking arrangements onsite then be managed in these instances? Effectively the use of the land, in addition to schooling hours of Monday to Friday from 7am to 9pm, may be used both days of the weekend - 9am to 9pm for sports grounds and 9am to 10pm for the multi purpose hall. This provides for little respite to the neighbouring community.

Again, I object strongly to the development of Minarah College on Catherine Field Road, Catherine Field.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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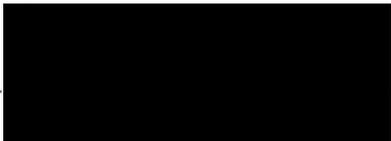
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I request that my private information (name and address) not be disclosed.

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

I would like to OPPOSE the proposed Minarah College

Sincerely

Signature: 

First & Last Name: 

Address: 

Suburb: 