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Dear Mr Mahmud

Project BSSD-30759158 – Minarah College, Catherine Field 2557

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.

In the Social Impact Statement prepared by Sarah George Consulting and referring to 4.0 Community Consultation, I can say that I did not receive any flyer nor invitation to participate in online community sessions (Point 1) despite living only a couple of hundred metres from the proposed site. This statement is false and misleading. We do not receive any local newspapers in the area and this has been the case for many years. Where is the proof that 945 flyers were posted? I was alerted to this development by a neighbour who had informed the majority of the 35 registered participants of the proposed online forum. It was stated also in the Social Impact statement that there were no registrations for the dedicated online community session for near neighbours, but some near neighbours attended the general community member session. Why was this so? Why did they not attend their own dedicated initial meeting? This again is false and misleading. Were the near neighbours contacted after the initial “detailed letters” were sent to them to follow up and ensure they were in receipt of said letters? The process has been viewed as underhanded and unprofessional regarding informing the community about Minarah College. In addition, the online forum I attended did not allow for all questions to be answered, instead the host was choosing which pre lodged questions to answer. So again, this is false and misleading as time was not afforded to all of the attendees’ questions and this was not stated in the Social impact statement 4.0 Community Consultation.

In 7.0 CONCLUSION it is stated that the **proposed development is unlikely to generate any long term negative social impacts**. I do not believe this to be a true or accurate statement and is again a conclusion that is false and misleading without any statistical or factual evidence to support the finding. The report goes on to suggest that “While it is acknowledged that the proposed development represents a significant change of use and intensification of use of the site, that intensification of use is not unexpected given planned future character of the area for higher density residential development, and the need for infrastructure such as schools to support the future population” This is in complete opposition to 1.3 Project Background of the Environmental Impact Statement that states The site is not located on land for which the Catherine Field (Part) Precinct Plan (Nov 2013) applies, where a dwelling yield target of approximately 3,200 is envisaged. Rather, the site is located approximately 2 km north, as illustrated in Map 3. In addition, the statement goes on to say “Catherine Field campus will provide support to the existing Minarah College – Green Valley campus which is at capacity and providing education to children from a wide array of locations across Western Sydney. This suggests students will be predominately from out of area catchments requiring the need for them to be brought to site via public and or private transport leading to a further issues of road safety, quality and traffic. 3.4.1 of The Transport & Accessibility

Impact Assessment clearly states, Currently there are no provisions for footpaths along the Catherine Fields road. Also, the Camden Council letter dated 23 December 2021 attached to the report conducted by Ason Group states "Catherine Fields road is a rural road". This same letter lists one of the requirements that the Traffic Advice report must detail "The capacity for the narrow rural road (Catherine Fields road) to handle the traffic volumes associated with the development and likely maintenance burden"

As pointed out in my letter the documentation from which I have quoted is contradictory, confusing, false and misleading. Until such time as clear and factual findings can be presented I will be opposing this development.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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

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

I would like to OPPOSE the proposed Minarah College

Sincerely

Signature:

First & Last

Address: _

Suburb: _

