

State Significant Development Application ( SSD-14082938 )

<b>Location</b>	<b>Arizona Road, Charmhaven (Lot 2 DP 809106)</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>St Philip's Christian Foundation Ltd</b>
<b>Council Area</b>	<b>Central Coast</b>
<b>Consent Authority</b>	<b>Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Commission</b>

**-<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/st-philips-christian-college-charmhaven>**

**Submission regarding Private School Charmhaven**

As a resident of the Pacific Highway Charmhaven since 1974 I strongly **OBJECT** to the proposed building of the new school. I believe this will devalue my property especially as the school grows and the traffic problems increase.

I have seen the traffic prior to the freeway and after and have never seen it as bad as it is now. It is difficult to leave my property onto the Pacific Highway particularly from about 8.00 am to about 9.30 am and again in the afternoon around 3.pm to around 6.pm. The traffic on the Highway is so dense that it takes up to 5 minutes to join the traffic. In the morning going North on the Highway the traffic is banked up right through to Doyalson and the reverse in the afternoon. As long as there is a single lane bridge over Wallarah Creek there will be massive traffic jams.

Accidents occur frequently and although many are minor, there have been some fatalities. There is little pedestrian traffic at present but if the school is built that would substantially increase and we would see pedestrian accidents as well.

The drawing area for this private school would cover many of the new subdivisions as well as older areas such as Gorokan, Toukley and Wyong. The public transport Hub is at Lakehaven Shopping Centre where many of the students would then proceed on foot to the new school having to cross the busy Highway at the Lakehaven Drive and Pacific Highway intersection. If according to the submission it is that students will come up to the Highway then walk down to cross at Jetty Avenue, then they do not know students well. They will cross the quickest way to get to their destination.

The bushland opposite was always a haven for wildlife, flora and fauna. There are so few left. This will take away another bushland site. We need to protect our environment not demolish it.

I believe the best place for this school would be near the Warnervale Town Centre. There would be transport, buses and trains. There are also large subdivisions of housing currently under construction in this area. If they were to extend the roads to meet the link road to Doyalson it would reduce the traffic on the present highway.

I realise that another educational institute would benefit may in the area but the present site is not the answer as the sacrifice of the bushland, the creation of enormous traffic and pedestrian problems would be detrimental to our community of Charmhaven.

St Philip's Colleges are recognised around the Central Coast and Newcastle so it is not unimaginable that the shift of the site slightly west would not still achieve jobs, student support, Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander support. This would also include Early learning and DALE areas within the school precinct.

I was informed of this proposed development months ago by letter. I have NOT received by mail any further notifications. As a member of the older generation I do not rely on the internet for notifications of such things.

It was word of mouth that I find that there is a "Public Exhibition " of these plans. Then I found it in a local newspaper publication which is available at some places if one chooses to pick it up.

Public Exhibition is then ON THE INTERNET , not at local Council where one can view a three dimensional aspect with surrounding properties. Not everyone from my generation has access to the internet so this proposal is discriminating against people without access to the internet.

**A public hearing on this proposal should occur as soon as possible.**

I am unable to view this on the internet. Plans amendments and other documents are not able to be viewed by me. I am able to use the internet for other things without any trouble.

**I Strongly OBJECT to the proposal.**