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**Application Number: SSD-30759158 - Minarah College**

Subject Location 268- 278 Catherine Fields Road

I [REDACTED] **OPPOSE** the above application

To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Catherine fields since 2013 though have extensive knowledge of the suburb and its surroundings along with knowing residents for over some 30 years which is a mixture of family and close friends

After taking some time to view the application and supporting documents on exhibition I am writing to you in relation to the abovementioned application on the street I live (Catherine Fields Road). I would like to outline just a few concerns (though not limited to) I have below in for you to review.

- Student numbers are more than that Documented and recommended by Department of planning of 650 students. Though updated Minarah application states 980 students from the original 1500
- Please view flood mapping of the area, the proposed site is at the lower point of Catherine fields Road which is subject to flooding. How will the stormwater be handled? It seems there will be more pressure put onto Local catchments. Can the catchments handle this ? Also to add in the case of a flood, children are to be walked to Catherine Fields Hall, this is over 500 metres. How can adults or children walk that distance in a flood with no footpaths, kerb and guttering or upgraded infrastructure to suit. This possess a risk and danger to the children, staff not to mention local residents
- The proposed site is on a curve – bend on Catherine Fields road, bringing further danger to motorists. Again no upgraded infrastructure to suit this hazard is planned
- There is No mains sewer for the proposed site. Management of sewer seems inadequate for over 1000 people. A children's play area will be in effluent area as per documents. Also creating run off during rain, will this end up in neighbouring properties and is there a potential to cause sickness to the children or neighbours ?

- Traffic issues will be created by the movement of vehicles in and out of the college, putting a huge load onto the local roads have not been properly addressed. Viewing plans for the college, there will not be any type of roadworks or turning lane into the college until the final stage of construction, What will traffic do or how will Catherine Fields Road handle this until then?
- A close suburb is a perfect example of what not to do, Austral. When schools went in before infrastructure the roads were a disaster! Creating many road issues
- Speaking with locals and neighbours from the area, we are struggling to see how this will benefit anyone local. If so it has not been indicated
- We as residents are under the understanding there will be not contributions paid to either local Camden council or the state. Will we as residents have to foot the bill for any immediate or future infrastructure for the school or caused by the school ?
- It has been raised Catherine fields is not a priority within the South West Growth Area, In this case when will the area have sufficient infrastructure to support a proposal like the College
- Current Zoning in Catherine Fields is still RU4 Primary Production, we as residents cannot by council regulation build a granny flat on our properties. Being 1 acre or 5 acres. How can this proposed college be considered
- There are many local sites with Zonings and infrastructure already in place to allow a development such as this, why do Catherine Fields residents in a rural zoning need to be impacted

There are many more points to be raised as I strongly believe in every way this will negatively impact the locals and area. I believe I have made my point to strongly oppose, much more planning and investigation needs to be conducted before any developments can be considered in Catherine fields.

In completing I would like to **confirm I OPPOSE** the proposed Minarah College

I accept the Departments disclaimer and declaration

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

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