

**Objection to Project SSD 17_8922,
Alterations and additions to the Stevenson Library Building, The Scots College**

I strongly object to the subject development on the following grounds:

- Scots have a long history of aggressive expansion, despite repeated assurances to both Woollahra Council and the Land and Environment Court that additional developments will not lead to an increase in staff or student numbers.
- Each expansion has created additional traffic congestion, illegal parking and public dangers due to the failure of Scots to provide any off street drop-off zones or significant off street parking. The school has not provided the number of on-site parking spaces required by council.
- Scots have consistently made false representations to council regarding any increase in enrolment numbers and staffing levels and have continually refused to provide appropriate off-street facilities. Based on the history of Scots development, any claim that the proposed development will have no impact on student or staff numbers is simply not credible.
- Currently the school enrolment is more than 25% over the approved cap on student numbers and this cap was applied specifically to control the impact of traffic and parking associated with the school.
- Scots persist in exploiting local streets, whilst washing their hands and claiming they have no legal authority over, or responsibility for, the behaviour of staff or students off campus.

It beggars belief that alterations and additions to a school building of this size is truly a project of state significance. It is more likely to be a legal contrivance to bypass the local council and residents who, so far, have failed to moderate the school's aggressive business model based on consistent expansion beyond the approved student cap, irrespective of its impact on the safety and amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

As a resident neighbour of Scots college for over 30 years I have regularly witnessed, with horror, the life threatening behaviour of Scots' parents and students on public streets adjacent the school.

This application and all future development applications by Scots should therefore be refused, until the college provides adequate on-site parking and on-site drop off facilities for the staff and students.

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