

Submission opposing Minarah College

Applicant: Green Valley Islamic College Ltd.
Application No: SSD-30759158.

To Whom it may concern.

I am writing to OPPOSE Minarah College or any other school in the Catherine Field area.

Myself and my family have lived in the Catherine Field area for over 20yrs. We purchased due to it being a quiet small rural hamlet with a relaxed and safe environment for a growing family.

There are many issues with building something of this size in a rural area.

• for example: SEARSA: Traffic transport and Accessibility.

I do not believe the requirement of SEARSA's Traffic; transport and Accessibility have been met due to a Camden Council assessment conducted by Ason Group. Dated 23rd December 2021 - classify "Catherine Fields Rd as a rural road". The meaning of a rural road is depicted. It has many issues in that it has blind corners; crests is very narrow and is poorly constructed requiring regular maintenance (already 4 times within this yr it self).

The capacity of this road to handle large volume of vehicles is not stated; not practical or safe.

My understanding is ALL children will be either bused in or privately driven to this school from another LGA (local government area). If many vehicles are travelling here from other LGAs to then park in a school with no facilities they will then be parking on our narrow rural road - this will make for a dangerous situation. These cars when parked will encroach on the road making it even more narrow - traffic jams will ensue - it will be dangerous for people getting out of cars and walking - no footpaths - no bike lanes and Camden council state they will not be changing

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this in the foreseeable future.

This will also potentially cause more motor vehicle accidents as they will be parking unsafely on the verge of the road. This could be catastrophic and concerning for the egress of emergency vehicles to the area or going through. It is a dangerous road of 80kmh zone used by large trucks and peak traffic - There has been many serious accidents + fatalities on this road.

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• 4.0 Community Consultation.

The report states flyers were delivered to residential dwellings and commercial premises surrounding the subject site. On speaking with locals in the area there is very few if any that have been made aware or received any communication. I have been informed once and sat in on a 200m meeting with no follow up after this.

I found the meeting irrelevant and not informative - One person (paid consultant) telling me it will be fine and we won't really be impacted by this construction. My understanding as stated in the paperwork this school; Hall and sportsfield will be used from 7am - 10pm 7 days a week, with planned large lighting and excess noise.

This is unrealistic in rural areas. As I am a bordering property ALL aspects of my + my family's life will be hugely impacted, this will afford me and my neighbours no privacy - continual noise and lighting. We are aware lighting continually stays on in schools as a matter of safety - in turn will leave my home perpetually lit 24hrs a day.

There will be no privacy - Class rooms + sportsfield will have constant visualisation to my property + home. This WILL impact mine and my family's health and mental health and well being.

Catherine Field currently has a hall and a sportsfield in our small rural hamlet that is able to be used and hired out by the community, we have no need to have more for our small rural hamlet. Needless to say the volume of cars parked all over the narrow Catherine Fields Road and surrounding streets + excess foot traffic on a very busy road.

SEARS 13. Stormwater and Wastewater.

I do not believe the overland flow report meets the requirements of the SEARS to "provide an integrated water management plan for the development that avoids adverse impacts on any down stream properties".

• As we have seen not only recently with our excessive rainfall but frequently in the past. This has caused excessive flooding including the property in question, bordering properties and the road (Catherine Field Rd). This is due to the natural flow of the land and water upon it. The property the school wants to be built on has a convex slope which forces excessive water to the boundaries including mine and my neighbours, This will cause flooding +++, which will have a flow on effect to Catherine Field road which has flooded many times causing it to become dangerous to travel on. It is the only road in or out from this school.

• My understanding of the sewer system will be a pumpout as Catherine Field does not have sewage connection. This is undesirable let alone a very regular pumpout with 1500 students; then add on teachers and ancillary staff - will probably need to be pumped out many times a day. The required land irrigation area I would imagine would be undersized for this volume of people using the facility.

- If a household with approx 3-5 people requires a irrigation area of approx $500m^2$ - I can only imagine how big an area would have to be to effectively service this many people.

This pump out if not done properly and often could or would be detrimental to health not only in the school but surrounding properties. I believe pumpouts are done by trucks and are a very noisy process - when would this be done?? while the neighbourhood is sleeping - adding more to destruction of our health and well being.

In conclusion I OPPOSE the proposed Minarah College in the Catherine Field Area.

- Myself + my family have lived here for over 20 yrs
- Our small rural Hamlet is not an appropriate site for any school.
- Our "rural roads" are unsuitable and unsafe.
- We have not been consulted regarding such a huge impact to the area.
- We will have no privacy, the increase in permanent and directed lighting + excessive noise and volume of people give me grave concerns for impacts on myself + my family's health; wellbeing + mental health.
- The design of the school is not in keeping with local community and character - we are a small rural Hamlet.

There will be no positive social impact for our community as it will be servicing people from other LGAs as ALL the children will be bused or privately driven in.

This school would be a travesty to the local area. There are better areas with zoning; infrastructure and sewage and forward plans for schools.

I oppose the proposed Minarah College.

Thank you.