

I have lived in Catherine Field for over 20 years, and I oppose the Minarah College in Catherine Field because of the following:

The proposed development has not taken into account **Section 94 Contributions Plan. No.5 Trunk Drainage dated 22/2/93.**

PLEASE NOTE:

There is an EASEMENT that runs along the south side, between, 260 and 254 Catherine Field Road, Catherine Field. When it rains etc, this easement catches all the water from Heatherfield Close, and disburses it onto Catherine Field Road in large amounts. The large amount of water gushes out of this catchment pipe and disburses it over the road flooding it. Catherine Field Road now becomes a safety hazard to drivers who cross over to the other side of the road to try to avoid the flooding, gushing water, rocks etc that is disbursed all over the road.

This Large amount of water then flows down past 260 Catherine Field Road and down past the proposed school site. It has been extremely worse in the recent floods. (Refer to Photo (1-6))

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT HAS NO MENTION OR DIAGRAMS OF THIS CATCHMENT AREA WHICH AFFECTS THE PROPOSED SITE, THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN TO THE RESIDENTS AND ROAD USERS. THE PROPOSED DRAINAGE DIAGRAMS DO NOT INCLUDE THIS OVERLAND WATER FLOW.



Photo (1) supporting - Easement between 260 and 254 Catherine Field Road, Catherine Field.



Photo (2) supporting – easement flowing north on Catherine Field Road.



Photo (3) supporting easement flowing north



(Photo (4) supporting easement flowing north



(photo (5) support – Easement flowing north.



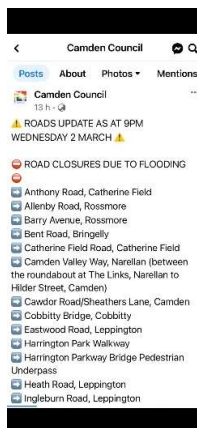
Photo (6) - support – easement flowing north towards the proposed site.

According to the Overland Flow Assessment

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3.5.2 proposed conditions No.3 states “the flood hazard on Catherine Field Road has been lowered from H2 to H1 which is safe for pedestrian and vehicle access.

Another concern is further North on Catherine Field Road, before Barry Avenue/Deepfields Road, in the floods the road and neighbouring properties all became flooded, no traffic or pedestrians could get through. The road was closed by council. Definitely not H1. In ASON Group’s Traffic Report, Transport NSW and council have no plans for safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities nor are there any plans to do so. (refer to Camden council Road Closure Alert.



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3.5.3 Offsite Flood impacts No.1 states “There are minor offsite impacts in the 1% AEP flood event as a result of the proposed development” and No.2 “Flood impacts on Catherine Field Road would be

considered acceptable as the proposed road upgrade work has lowered the flood hazard category from H2 to H1, which has a beneficial effect on the existing trafficability of the road”.

The road directly in front of the school, has been proposed to be upgraded, but what about the parts before and after the school, South, with the water catchment easement from Heatherfield Close that runs onto Catherine Field road and then proceeds down towards the proposed development site, then North with the flooding, so they have proposed to fix the flooding right in front of the school, but the water from the south will still run overland past the school, as their proposed drainage runs underground.

Flooding before and after the proposed site, is and should be, a concern. (refer to photo (7))



Photo (7) supporting Flow down towards the proposed site.

1. Stating the proposed upstream overland flow diversion system effectively renders the site development area flood free in the 1% AEP flood event.
2. The proposed development area of the site is flood free in the 1% AEP flood event.
3. The proposed development would have acceptable offsite flood impacts.

The above states, that the proposed site, will have acceptable offsite flood impacts, this is a FALSE/CONCERN as there has been no documentation provided as evidence to prevent any flooding to the neighbours downstream.

NATURAL WATERCOURSE ON THE SITE

There is a natural watercourse on the proposed site, which also, catches water coming from all directions from the adjoining properties. This is like a river when there is a large downfall especially through the recent floods, I have concerns, where this water will go, and how it will affect neighbouring properties once they put up their retaining walls and fencing on the boundaries, this water will be retained and flood the neighbouring properties. They propose to solve the water concerns on that side of the fence but where will the water flow to, if it is restricted by fencing and retaining walls etc, this will solve their problem but create a new one for the adjoining properties. Will the immediate adjoining properties be **ASSURED** that their premises will not be affected to flooding due to the restricted water flow. (refer to photos (8-12))



Photo (8) support natural water course on the proposed site



Photo (9) support - natural water course on the proposed site.



Photo (10) support natural water course on the proposed site



Photo (11) support natural water course on the proposed site



TRAVELING TO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL

ANTHONY ROAD, LEPPINGTON this road is flood affected, it floods on EVERY rain occasion, there is a causeway, THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS SECTION OF ROAD, there has been many incidents where people who do not know the area try to cross this flood water, not realising how deep the water is and get swept away. There have been many near incidents but sadly, in June 2016 a man who attempted to cross this rising deep causeway, got swept into floodwaters and died.

(refer to photo (13))



Photo (13) supporting flooding of Anthony Road.

BARRY AVENUE/DEEPFIELDS ROAD, there are two sections on this road that floods in heavy rain and restricts cars from passing, can be dangerous to cars and pedestrians. (refer to photo (14 & 15))



Photo (14) of part of Deepfields Road flooded)



(Photo(15) of another part of Deepfields/Barry Road starting to Flood)

LIGHTING

As the school proposes to operate until 9.00-10.00 pm every night, 7 days a week. They propose to have lights to access and leave the school, on school grounds only.

As Catherine Field Road and all streets in Catherine Field, have NO street lights, public street lighting should be required to provide for the safe and comfortable movement at night of both vehicles and pedestrians.

PRIVACY

I oppose the school with a height of 9.5 metres as this will be looking directly on the neighbouring properties, these properties will have no Privacy, they propose to put screening over windows, but they can still look out of windows and through the screening onto adjoining properties, especially at a height of 9.5 metres.

As a resident of Catherine Field, we were declined by Camden Council to build a shed with a gutter height of 4.2 metres, we were only approved for a 3-metre gutter high shed and with the conditions that the colour was green to match the existing green environment. This School has proposed to build at a height of 9.5 meters, the rules and regulations enforced by Camden council to all properties in Catherine Field, should also apply to the proposed school buildings and not discriminate against those properties who are privately owned/used.

SEWERAGE

I oppose as Catherine Field has no sewerage facilities and there are no plans for it. How can a school of this capacity run in a Non-Sewerage Facility, how many trucks and how often will they be coming to empty tanks etc, smell to residents from pump out, possible overflowing etc. There are 1580 students plus staff plus visitors (and on special events etc unlimited people).

NOISE

I oppose to the school as this is a rural quite area, we bought here for this reason, we enjoy the natural and rural aspect of the property and surroundings, the native birds etc and have been residents for a long time, the school will spoil the natural look of the area, As residents in the vicinity of the school we will have noise from children playing in the playground (note staggered lunch and recess times so longer than usual), PA Systems, school bells, social event noise/music, sports field cheering and yelling etc, cars/bus movements and 4.42 years of construction noise, as mentioned previously this is not just 9.00 am-3.00 pm school hours, this is a school proposing to start at 7.00 am till 9.00 pm on weekdays and 9.00 am till 10.00 pm on weekends, with hall and sporting fields (unrestricted numbers) being hired out. THIS IS UNFAIR TO THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS.

SIGNAGE ON STREET

The proposed diagrams propose to install approximately **13 STREET SIGNS** out the front of neighbouring properties (SCHOOL ZONE, END OF SCHOOL ZONE, NO RIGHT TURN, ETC).

I oppose, to these signs, being put up in front of our homes, they look messy and annoying and it takes away the natural appearance of our rural properties. They will obstruct the footpaths and cause a nuisance to us cutting our lawns on the nature strip.

In conclusion I oppose to the proposal of Minarah College being built in Catherine Field with no infrastructure and all the flooding, parking, traffic issues that the neighbours and residents of Catherine Field will have.

Thank you