

I have been a resident of Catherine field for the past 21 years. We moved here to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of rural life and also enjoy the many native birds in the area. Our home is a neighbouring property to the proposed Minarah College.

I do not approve and have many concerns in relation to this school being built in this area and also it hugely affecting our home and property some of which are:

Catherine Field Road is a **NARROW rural road**, it is also one of the main roads. Traffic coming off and going to Camden Valley way, and also since the new road (Luke Lane) opened ,it is used as one of the main thoroughfares to access Oran Park , the traffic has increased tremendously. Our roads cannot take any more traffic.

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Pg 6 There are currently no schools located in the suburb of Catherine Field. The closest primary schools are:

- Barramurra Public School (K-6) at 65 O’Keefe Drive, Oran Park, approximately 3.2km (straight line) and 5.2km driving distance from the subject site
- Gledswood Hills Public School (K-6) at 78 The Hermitage Way, Gledswood Hills, approximately 3.2km (straight line measure) and 4.2km (driving distance) from the subject site
- St Justin’s Catholic Parish Primary School (K-6), 3 Hollows Drive, Oran Park, approximately 3.5km (straight line measure) and 5.7km (driving distance) from the subject site.

FALSE AND MISLEADING there are also in the near vicinity the following just to mention a few:

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| 1.Oran Park Primary School | 4.Rossmore Public School |
| 2.Oran Park Anglican College K-12 | 5. Austral Public School |
| 3.Harrington Park Public School | 6.Leppington Public School. |

There are no public high schools in the area, and there is only one independent High School – St Benedict’s Catholic College (7-12), 1 Hollows Drive, Oran Park, approximately 3.5km (straight line measure) and 5.7km (driving distance) from the subject site.

The above is FALSE AND MISLEADING as there are high schools in the near vicinity just to mention a few:

- 1 .Oran Park Anglican College K-12
2. Oran Park High School
3. St Benedict’s Catholic College
4. John Edmondson High School

Pg 2 (3.0) the proposal states that the catchment areas will be a 10km radius including the following suburbs:

- Cobbitty – Leppington (SA2 in which the subject site is located);
- Camden - Ellis Lane
- Elderslie – Harrington Park;
- Mount Annan – Currans Hill;
- Claymore – Eagle Vale – Raby;
- Ingleburn – Denham Court;
- Austral – Greendale;
- Hoxton Park – Carnes Hill – Horningsea Park;
- West Hoxton – Middleton Grange; and
- Prestons – Edmondson Park.

The majority of the above suburbs are NOT in the Camden Local Government Area. The question is WHY do the students from these areas need to attend an Islamic school at Catherine Field when there are already a number of Islamic established schools in their Local Government Area. Some of these schools are:

1. GREEN VALLEY ISLAMIC COLLEGE (AKA MINARAH COLLEGE) (APPLICANTS OF THIS PROPOSAL) which is only a 9 min drive to the suburb of Prestons, or 11 minute drive to the suburb of Edmondson Park, so why should Students from these suburbs travel to Catherine Field which is further away.
2. Bellfield College in Rossmore
3. Unity Grammar in Austral
4. Arrahman college in Austral
5. Malek Fahd in Hoxton Park
6. Al-Faisal College - Campbelltown
7. Zahra Grammar School in Raby
8. Irfan College in Cecil Park
9. Amity College at Leppington

According to the Demographic Profile Table in Appendix A, under the topic Religious Affiliation/Islam, a percentage of 0% in the Catherine Field and Camden Local Government Area.

2.2 Proposed development

Pg 8 The proposal states that they propose to reduce traffic with a 30 space Kiss and ride bay dropping off and collecting students.

but in the survey on page 32 referring to the survey on Minarah College Green Valley they came to a conclusion stating "Based on the survey results, it is reasonable to conclude that the majority of future students and staff of the proposed College will similarly travel to school by private car".

Also Referring to the GREEN TRAVEL.

This is a contradiction to the Green travel as most people will be traveling by car.

So according to these proposals for a school with 1580 students and staff etc how much traffic is proposed for Catherine Field Roads. I oppose.

Pg 8 It is likely that the area most likely to be affected by the proposed development is the area immediately surrounding the subject sites, in particular, the residential properties immediately adjoining the two sites. Typical impacts associated with schools include noise emissions (school bells, PA systems and children playing) and noise intrusion (road noise); and increased traffic on local streets, particularly around peak pick-up and drop-off times.

Pg 13 There is nothing about the proposed development that is likely to result in any significant changes to the socio-economic or demographic characteristics of the local area

I OPPOSE, The result of the development will be contrary to the existing Rural Zone and Local Amenity.

Pg 16 3.3 Crime data for the suburb of Catherine Field

As can be observed, the suburb of Catherine Field has low rates and low densities of all crimes.

I OPPOSE, to the proposed school as this will bring Crime (having people from other areas with a potential Higher Crime Rate society).

Principle 1 – Surveillance

Pg 16 Casual surveillance to surrounding properties and Catherine Fields Road will be improved due to the increased activity on the site, and from upper levels.

I OPPOSE, to surrounding properties being under surveillance. This is our private homes we will have NO PRIVACY.

The community consultation was undertaken via the following methods:

- Invitation to participate in online community sessions advertised to the community through flyers delivered to 945 residential dwellings and 8 commercial premises surrounding the subject site;
- Detailed letters delivered with the flyer to 17 adjacent neighbours inviting them to a dedicated online information session for immediate neighbours only;
- Media coverage and an advertisement in the Camden-Narellan Times;

I oppose this is FALSE AND MISLEADING

945 flyers were not delivered to the residents of Catherine Field.

As a neighbour to the proposed Minarah College, I did not receive a detailed letter supposedly delivered to neighbouring properties. These 17 letters should have been personally addressed to each neighbour and delivered by Australia Post.

Catherine Field DO NOT have a free newspaper delivered to their homes, you must be registered.

This was not enough information for the residents, especially the residents (elderly etc) who have no electronic devices to register for Zoom meeting etc.

I suspect this is why only 35 people registered, this should have rang alarm bells advising them that not everyone new about this proposal/meetings if 945 flyers were supposedly delivered. Should have not deliberately been dismissed.

5.1 Way of Life

Pg 22 As detailed the Guidelines, consideration should be made of the potential impacts on way of life of existing residents, in particular:

Will privacy, peace, and quiet enjoyment for neighbours and the local area, particularly people's daily lives and activities (during both construction and operation). • How will people be affected if traffic/parking demands or noise levels change?

I oppose as a neighbouring property, we will NOT have PRIVACY, PEACE AND QUIET ENJOYMENT. Having a school neighbouring our property will have an effect of resale of the property limiting the number of buyers. This is not just affecting us mentally but financially. It is very unfair, we purchased and invested our savings in these properties for a place we would like to retire in. Catherine Field is NOT THE PLACE FOR THIS SCHOOL. WE ARE A RURAL QUIET SMALL COMMUNITY with no proposed development.

Pg22 The proposed education establishment is unlikely to generate any significant impacts in terms of privacy as the two school buildings have been located centrally within the site, and oriented towards a central forecourt to minimise overlooking to adjoining properties. In addition to the location and orientation of the school buildings away from adjoining residential dwellings and site landscaping, privacy screening is proposed for south facing windows, where required, to mitigate direct overlooking.

The proposed building is 9.5 metres high with screening on the windows, obviously you can still look outside windows and through this screening, which means that, at that height they can see the neighbouring properties, the neighbouring properties just can't see into their windows.

Pg 23 Noise generated as a result of the construction/fit out process are temporary impacts however given the staging of the College development over a period of years, construction noise impacts will be present over the staged construction of the proposed school, with periods of activity and inactivity over the duration of the staged development. Noise impacts associated with construction are able to be addressed through conditions of consent limiting the time that works can be undertaken on the site.

I OPPOSE, As this school is built in stages over an approximate 20+ year period. The expected timeframe is 4.42 YEARS of CONSTRUCTION WORK so this is NOT SHORT TERM for the neighbours/community with the noise and vibration issues from trucks excavators and different loud machinery and this is DEFINITELY UNACCEPTABLE to the surrounding properties and immediate neighbours, this is a VIOLATION to our homes and peaceful rural enjoyment 4.42 YEARS of annoying noise, vibration, construction etc.

pg 25 ▪ restricted hall operation hours

False and misleading as

Pg 41 operational characteristics hours of operation state the hall will be hired out to the community and will be used 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm Mon-Fri and 9.00 am to 10.00 pm weekends.

And the SPORTS FIELD 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm Mon-Fri and 9.00 am to 9.00 pm weekends.

This proposal is SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY.

Catherine Field currently has a Public Hall for hire and a free sports field less than 1 Kilometre from the proposed site. Why are there proposals for hall and sports field hire within this school. Not fair for neighbours especially the hours of use and on weekends – NO BREAK IN NOISE, TRAFFIC ETC There is also no mention as to how many people are restricted to attend on site (Hired Hall and Hired Sports Ground) after school hours and on weekends.

Question - Are we to accept hundreds of people turning up to special events, causing road congestion/parking chaos, noise, music, possible crime etc around our rural homes.

There is also no mention as to any RESTRICTIONS of the use of these facilities example: Alcohol restrictions etc.

I oppose and believe that this is an expansion of the green valley business as the land is not just used for educational purposes 9.00 am till 3.00 pm.

Please Note: The ACHAR Report noted that, the 3rd property was surveyed for Aboriginal Artefacts, but was NOT mentioned in the proposal.

Misleading, why was the third property surveyed and not revealed? I suspect that this 3rd property will be purchased and used as an expansion of the Green Valley Islamic College Ltd Business.

Pg 25 Parking is provided on the site for:

- 86 staff (22 spaces, including one accessible space in the northern carpark and 64 spaces, including 2 accessible spaces, in the southern car park);
- 15 spaces for the Early Learning Centre;
- 37 student parking spaces
- 5 bus parking spaces

On page 42 it is states that:

Staff Numbers will be 94 full time staff and 12 part time staff, which is a total of 106 Staff.

False and Misleading - Why have they only provisioned 86 parking spaces for staff, there is also no provision for visitor parking.

Appendix C- Statutory Compliance Table

3.8 Traffic, parking and pedestrian circulation Objective: To provide parking that satisfies the needs of users and demand generated by the centre. Objective: To provide vehicle access from the street in a safe environment that does not disrupt traffic flows.

"The Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment (Appendix L) confirms the proposal will not adversely impact existing traffic flows and the provided car parking is appropriate"

This again refers to having enough parking and not impacting existing traffic flow, traffic WILL bank up as there will be cars entering from two directions into ONE entrance driveway and waiting for other cars to move from Kiss and drop and exit from ONE exit, also not enough car spaces for parking when parents have to attend the schools for special occasions within school times, hall hire and sporting field hire, special occasions like Eid Celebrations etc and when parents have to pick up or drop off younger children in kindy and OOSH.

5.2 Community

Pg 30 The proposed Early Learning Centre will provide childcare for the existing and future population of the area. Given planned future character of the area for high density residential development and the need for infrastructure such as schools to support the future population

This is misleading as there is no benefit for the children as there is NO FEE FREE student places for the local children, it's an expansion of their business Minarah College Green Valley.

Pg 30 The proposed College will alter the character and identity of the local area as it represents a departure from the established use of the sites as residential allotments. The site will change in terms of the visual presentation of the site to the street and surrounding areas, and a change of use. While the proposed development will be a departure from the established use on the site, and change the existing character, there is nothing about this change that is unexpected, given the planned continued growth in the area, and planned change from large allotment/semi-rural residential to an area with increased density, and population.

The result of the development will be contrary to the existing rural zone and local amenity

Pg 36 that "It is anticipated that the school facilities specifically the multi purpose hall and sports field will be made available for HIRE by the broader community on WEEKENDS".

This will attract many visitors especially on special events Like Sporting events and special occasions like EID Celebrations, where do they expect all these cars to park if they only have so many car parks, without being disruptive and annoying to the residents and surrounding properties. It is one thing to put in a DA for a School, but to also have the Hall and Sports Fields available to the public for Hire over the weekends, is unfair to the local residence who will never get a break in traffic, parking, noise etc issues. When particular events take place like EID Celebrations etc this attracts hundreds of people especially as they are catering to service the school in a 10km radius, this indicates to me to believe that this is a expansion of their business.

Pg 26 A Kiss and drop zone with capacity for 30 vehicles is included along the western boundary of the site along Catherine Fields Road, providing one way circulation entering the site at the northern end, from Catherine Fields Road, via a proposed new right hand turn lane, and exiting the site from a one way driveway on the southern end of the site.

The proposed plans state that there is only ONE ENTRANCE IN, traffic turning right and traffic turning left into the same entrance, this will cause traffic congestion.

The proposed plans state that there is an ONE EXIT to the south which is on a BEND, this is a safety concern for exiting traffic and visibility from the proposed school driveway being a restricted line of sight.

ROADS – Our roads cannot take any additional traffic

- Pot holes are repeatedly being repaired.
- The road wear and tear.
- Drivers having to go on the other side of the road into oncoming traffic to avoid pot holes.
- Tyres replaced on many occasions due to hitting these pot holes.

It is a major concern to all residents of Catherine field that someone will be seriously hurt or a fatal accident due to these pot holes especially at night with limited lighting.

PARKING – Parking is another concern. The proposed school will create major parking issues and traffic chaos as seen in other schools in the area namely, Leppington Public School in Leppington, Bellfield College in Rossmore and Unity Grammar in Austral, just some examples where the line-up for Kiss and Drop is so long and congests.

There are parents who do not use Kiss and drop example Kindy parents or OOSH parents who need to park to collect their young child, there is not enough parking on site for all these parents to park and therefore they will need to park out on the road.

The parking situation will be chaos for many reasons namely, Narrow Road not safe for entering and exiting your car, no kerb and gutter this is a rural area, cars will get bogged parking on the side of the road, there are no footpaths for parents and children to walk especially when it's raining, as seen in other school situations they will park all over footpaths and driveways which will be impact the neighbouring residence etc. There is no parking for visitors in the proposed school plan.

Parking will be a major concern/nuisance when there are special events like Eg: EID Celebrations, hundreds of people turn up for these events, again where are they going to park?

CONCLUSION

I strongly OPPOSE the proposed Minarah College being built in Catherine Field on the basis of all of the above.

The False and Misleading statements, lead me to believe that there are points of dishonesty/corruption in this proposal that have been purposely left out and that this is an expansion of the Green Valley Islamic College Ltd.