

I oppose SSD- 30759158, Minarah College D.A

Upon reviewing the various reports and varying amounts of information, I object to this proposal.

### **Student Numbers:**

**Appendix I** Page 11 of the design report “The following is a distillation of the briefing information received by the school and a categorization of the information into a functional and spatial requirements list”

Then goes on to list:

- (a) 60 student early learning centre
- (b) 40 student special education school
- (c) 750 student primary school
- (d) 750 student high school

These numbers equal 1,600 students which exceeds all other reports stating the school will hold 1,580 students.

**Appendix N** page 7 shows completely different figures for student numbers: 1.2 The Proposal; “Minarah College Catherine Field will be a co-educational K-12 school accommodating 1,580 students, 840 in primary school and 660 in high school. There will also be an Early Learning Centre (ELC) for 60 students and a School for Specific Purpose (SSP) for 20 students”

**Environmental Impact Statement** page 16 lists the student numbers as follows:

The SSD seeks consent for the construction of a co-educational establishment (Minarah College) accommodating 1,580 students. The school will comprise of an Early Learning Centre (ELC) for 60 students, a School for Specific Purpose (SSP) for 20 students, a primary school accommodating 840 students and a high school for 660 students.

### **Disturbances to Neighbours**

**Appendix I** on page 11, there is mention of: “Hall (Sports / Multipurpose) – Hall to have capacity for all Primary or all High School assemblies, with the potential to open to outdoor spaces for larger gatherings weather permitting, and to allow use for covered play during lunch time”. On the instance of ‘larger gatherings’ where are all the visitors parking as there is no designated visitor parking? How will a pump out sewer cope with the additional human waste?

Still on page 11, it goes on to say “Sports – Sports Field (Soccer, Field Hockey, Rugby) with Grandstand Seating”. Again if there will be competitive sports games, where will the spectators all park? How much noise will be generated from the crowd and p.a system that will disturb the peace of neighbours? If being held at night, how much light will disturb nearby neighbours?

Lastly on page 11, there is mention of “Swimming Pool with Change Rooms” although this does not appear in any other report.

### **Appendix N** Page 59. **9.1.2.2 Offensive Noise Assessment**

Q4. Is the noise atypical for the area? Yes- Noise from the operation of a College, including recess and lunch, will be **atypical** in this area as no other similar developments exist.

Q6. Are a number of people affected by the noise? Yes- R1, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8

R1= 286 Catherine field rd, R4=16 Heatherfield cl, R5= 14 Heatherfield,

R6= 12 Heatherfield, R7=260 Catherine Field rd R8=265 Catherine Field rd

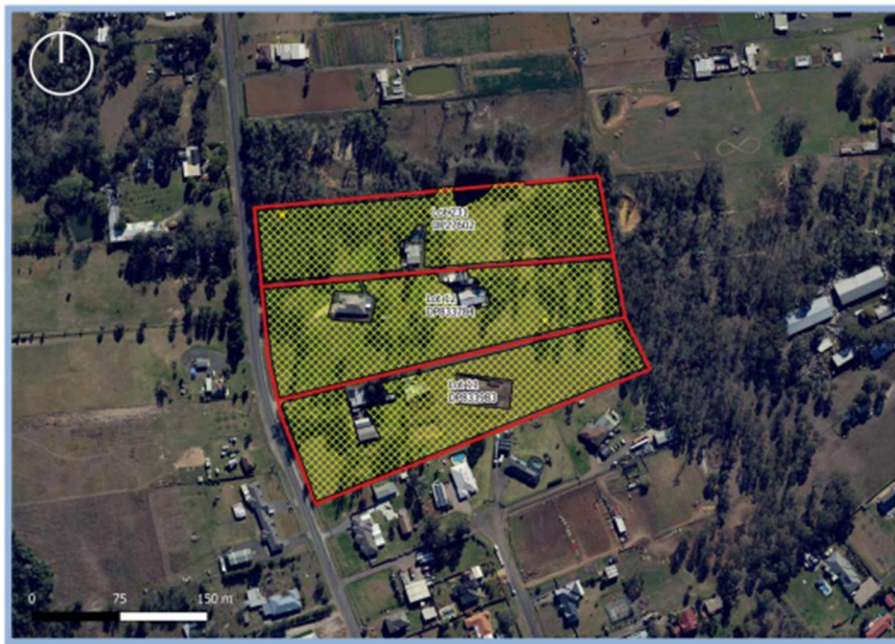
Therefore, SEARs item 11. Noise and Vibration regarding the assessment of noise does not meet the relevant NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines or Camden Council’s Environmental Noise Policy 2018.

**Appendix AA** notes that the area likely to be affected by the proposed development included “the area immediately surrounding the subject sites”. Also going on to name “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”.

However I find this information contradicts that on page 15 of the **EIS**: “the proposal does not have any unreasonable impacts on adjoining properties or the public domain in terms of views, traffic, acoustic impacts during construction and ongoing operation”

So which one is correct? We are all well aware of the noise emissions from construction sites and the traffic of trucks. How can a rural community withstand ongoing construction noise for the entire planned period of each stage spanning 19 years? Especially those within close proximity to the site.

Lastly, I have major concerns in relation to **Appendix Y**, Fig 12 (below). Why has the applicant requested three adjacent properties be surveyed? Is there a further application that has not yet been revealed that will further increase the road traffic and noise to the area?



**Figure 12: Image showing the boundary of the study area in red and the yellow hatched area showing the archaeological survey coverage. Aerial image source Six Maps © Department Finance, Services and Innovation, NSW Government.**

On the basis of numerous inconsistencies and non-disclosure of further development of the surrounding site, I believe that the community is being misled by the applicant. Not only is the applicant looking to extend their current operation at from a completely different LGA but the community will see no benefit to a school in Catherine Field especially given the lack of Islamic residents within the Census data residing in Catherine Field.

Considering there is no factual evidence that Catherine Field has planning for rezoning or development, the absence of a town plan and also that there is no evidence from Sydney Water as to when sewer mains connection will be available, this application should be denied.