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To : Department of Planning and Environment

MINARAH COLLEGE – CAMDEN SSD-30759158

The Muslim League of NSW Inc (MLNSW) strongly supports the proposed k-12 school in Catherine Field, Camden. Minarah College Campus in Green Valley, built on land leased from MLNSW, is in full capacity and the overflow from Green Valley will be accommodated at the new Campus in Camden.

Also, the population of the catchment area of the proposed School is likely to increase substantially; the proposed development is expected to meet just a tiny fraction of the demand for schooling, supplementing public schools.

That is why the MLNSW acquired the site which will be leased to Minarah College to build and run the proposed K-12 education facility.

Western Sydney families deserve to have convenient access to quality education and the proposed Campus would help meet this need.

The new school would be a positive addition to Catherine Field and the broader Western Sydney community, where Islamic faith-based schools are in high demand.

MLNSW believes that a high quality of learning the proposed School will offer to students of all faiths, as it currently does in Green Valley Campus, will greatly contribute to development of human capital and consequentially greater participation in the workforce in Camden.

Hence, the proposed School will be a great asset for the Catherine Field community, which will also be given the opportunity to use some of the facilities such as playfields at the new campus.

The MLNSW supports the design and scale of the development which blends well with the semirural character of the area.

The Design blends well with the rural setting. The scale and bulk of the buildings fits well with the surrounding environment because of extensive green canopy and thoughtful design.

MLNSW endorse the development proposal for the reasons, there are sufficient car parks onsite as well as extensive pick-up and drop off areas within the school compound. These together with proposed road works and other measures identified in the travel plan will minimize congestion and maintain safety.

MLNSW is the peak advocacy body of Muslims from Fiji residing in NSW. It has approximately 350 registered members, but its services are used by more than one thousand citizens.

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It is committed to multiculturalism and strongly supports the aspirations of indigenous Australians. Our members are appreciative of diversity and indigenous culture being reflected thoughtfully in the design elements of the project. MLNSW is proud of that as well as of the overall development proposal, which will address an identified educational need, improve quality of the workforce and enhance social cohesion.

Yours faithfully.

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