

Submission to

Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools (SSD-9343) AND
(related) Multi-Trades and Digital Technology Hub at TAFE Meadowbank (SSD-9343)

To whom it may concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions to these projects.

Whilst most people view the upgrades to the existing Meadowbank TAFE site as positive, we are deeply concerned about the inadequate consideration to parking and transport logistics to an area already suffering extreme congestion following extensive development in Meadowbank and negligible transport upgrades (mostly afterthoughts). Residents already suffer hell from the TAFE parking (during their semester) and the traffic from the new developments.

The proposal firstly underestimates the future traffic needs and secondly has no real solutions, hoping that brochures and carpooling will solve it!

The transport report¹ has key aspects which are flawed – for example, the parking survey was taken on 28 June 2018 (p22), however this was during the TAFE holidays, and the TAFE is the major driver for traffic and parking in the area !so the report has ignored the major parking activity and should not be relied upon.

The addition of ~2600 students + ~200 staff (plus TAFE) to the site is an extremely large number of students / staffs to move each morning and evening.

Residents' concerns and the areas that have been inadequately considered are as follows: -

- **The transport volume has NOT been addressed**
 - The study shows the area as heavily loaded (based on one day sample mind you)
 - The proposal to funnel buses through Vic Rd -Bowden St intersection which is already overloaded, and the study shows will be an “extreme delay” in the future.
 - How is this acceptable?
- **The proposed parking for staff is fundamentally inadequate and delusional**
 - 75% drive now but only 50% parking?
 - This is on top of removing parking in Rhodes and Macpherson street further exacerbating the problem
 - Parking in the area is already an extreme premium with extensive parking controls due to the TAFE (which isn't reducing) as TAFE students are often tradies who travel from work to TAFE and hence need parking
 - Residents already suffer hell from the TAFE parking let alone adding more (which the report ignores as the review was during the holidays)

¹ Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment SSD 18_9343 – School project, although similar assumptions were used in the TAFE transport report ref N172560

- **The drop off facilities for this massive primary school appear to be unworkable**
 - many younger children will need to be dropped off by a parent in a car (and often needing to park due to other younger siblings) – where do they park?
 - The sheer volume of drop offs for the number of spaces appears to be based on a delusion “even spread” of drop offs over time – appears unrealistic.
 - Assuming 60% will walk, when the walk from the new mega developments to the school is 20 mins?

- **The lack of planning will cause parents / staff to make use of rat runs through the area**
 - If the parents have to get their kids to school, then they will clog all the side streets
 - Hermitage road and Bowden street are already a major problem.

- **TAFE - The TAFE parking needs to be scaled up by the increase in the number of students**
 - TAFE students are often tradies who travel from work to TAFE and hence need parking (ie can't use public transport)
 - Residents already suffer hell from the TAFE parking let alone adding more
 - The underground carpark needs to allow access for trade vehicles (higher clearance)
 - Parking to be free for TAFE students. the addition of charged parking just pushed TAFE students onto the streets affecting residents (students struggle to afford this stuff).

Proposed Solutions / Next Steps

- The transport study report needs to be reconducted during the “normal busy time” NOT TAFE holidays or the first start up week of TAFE– this is not representative.
- Fix the transport first then development – address Rat Runs
- Adjust the scale of the development until the transport is worked out correctly
- The school needs a bus turnaround bay incorporated into it (similar to the design at Meadowbank railway station) – eg Build it under the courts at the end of heritage road. This will support buses once better connections are provided through future hermitage road (and or connection through the existing industrial park) which will be needed at some stage.
- Add adequate parking – it should be at least at current standard and not based on theoretical hope, the current design just pushes the excess onto local residents.
- Support the upgrade of transport interactions in accordance with the Greater Sydney Commission
- TAFE parking to allow for additional car parking on top of current proposal.
- TAFE parking to allow for larger vehicles access for tradies
- Free parking for TAFE students

Happy to discuss.

Regards

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