

Traffic

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Clearly, there should be an updated traffic count of local roads to make accurate and true reports of the effects that this proposal could have both on the current "narrow rural roads" and the safety and wellbeing of those utilizing the roads.

The roads in Catherine Field were designed for semi rural traffic. In order to accommodate construction and increased traffic volumes, the roads would have to be comparable to Camden Valley way including not only a right turn lane from Camden Valley way but also a left turn lane from Deepfields road direction. Not with the narrowness and soft edges we currently have.

On 17th August 2022, The Department of Planning wrote to the applicant with eighteen key issues including "Catherine Fields Road is a rural-standard road and is not currently designed to support the scale of development proposed. Significant road upgrades would likely be required to accommodate the volume of traffic generated by the completed development".

Even with reducing the student numbers to 980 (and NOT 650 as recommended by the Department of Planning), and the expected heavy vehicles, the roads will become in a worse state than what they already are. Perhaps the applicant should come to an agreement with council for '**works in kind**' to repair and maintain the roads that will become further damaged by the increase in construction vehicles and the additional thousand odd vehicles travelling to and from the school each morning and afternoon.

Appendix L mentions: TfNSW expressed enthusiasm for shuttle buses to and from train stations and this proposal was compared to the shuttle bus system at nearby Broughton Anglican College. There is no mention of this within the amended application. They are focussing still on students being driven by private vehicle.

It is anticipated that if the school does go ahead, more families will relocate to Catherine Field and surrounding suburbs to reduce their travel times. Where are the plans to encourage children to walk or ride safely to school. The applicant cannot expect Council to pay for pedestrian and cycle infrastructure for their development. Rather the applicant should wait for the infrastructure to be in place or take their plans elsewhere.

The applicant is more interested in 'cashing in' than the safety of students and staff. The Department of Planning really need to consider how many lives will be at risk if the school is approved in its current application.

Parking

The school on which most of the amended reports are based being Green Valley Islamic College have many events advertised on their website that encourage parents and family to attend. With a

student population of 980 + 51 apparent FTE how will the carpark of only 96 car parking spaces (which includes 11 accessible spaces) allow for additional vehicle parking when all proposed spaces are full with teachers and staff?

Appendix F shows the Minarah College responding in regards to their first application to car parking questions "Parking arrangements for school events will be considered as part of an operational management plan that will form part of the State Significant Development application. It is expected that events will need to be managed to ensure parking is limited to the school site given there are no parking provisions on surrounding roads. This may involve using the oval for overflow parking during events such as graduations to ensure all parking can be accommodated on site". What if the event is a sporting event that will be held on the oval? Better still, the overflow carpark/ oval has had so much sewer distributed through the ossm that cars get bogged. Lastly, how will the cars drive onto the oval via a single lane road through the southern carpark?

The overflow carpark plans are most definitely putting the students lives at risk and we can expect many traffic accidents within the school gates.

There is no evidence that supports this project. Based on this, I strongly object.