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Application number: SSD-30759158

Project name: Minarah College

Location: 268-278 Catherine Field Road, Catherine Field

To Whom It May Concern

I strongly support the proposed k-12 Minarah School being built in Catherine Field. The project aims to design a custom-built school campus for education purpose for the new and upcoming neighbouring communities of the school. The proposed school campus will deliver quality education in a very structured and disciplined manner that will be beneficial in grooming the upcoming generation that prevails within the proximity of the school premises. Minarah College at Green Valley has very well demonstrated this through their student performance and has proved itself to be a great place for learning, in fact the Green Valley branch has topped the list of best performing schools in the greater Liverpool area based on the previous years NAPLAN results. Students attending the Catherine Field campus will benefit from the same high quality learning offered at Minarah College Green Valley.

Minarah College campus at Green Valley is at full capacity. This is a significant issue for most parents, struggling to manage pick-up and drop-off of their children from multiple schools as the Green Valley branch cannot accommodate more students and the wait list goes for years before a single place become available in any grades. The proposed new campus can offer placements to students on waiting list.

Western Sydney families deserved 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.

I believe that a high quality of learning that 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. Hence, the proposed school will be a great asset for the Catherine Field community and the broader Western Sydney region.

The proposed school design blends well with the rural setting. The scale and bulk of the buildings fits well with the surrounding environment. 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. Key design principles have been applied to ensure the school is a valuable addition to the local neighbourhood:

- School buildings are designed to reflect local character.
- Native landscaping will complement the semi-rural surrounds.
- School buildings are well within the site boundaries to prevent overshadowing on neighbouring properties.

- The project strives for the highest Green Star rating obtainable with the Green Building Council Australia, ensuring a positive contribution to local sustainability.

The population of the catchment area of the proposed school is likely to increase substantially in the near future; the proposed development is expected to meet just a fraction of the demand for private schooling, supplementing the public schools. Furthermore, the school is committed to sharing the new school facilities with the community when they are not required by the school for example, providing access to the halls and the sports field.

Although Minarah College is an Islamic school however, the school is open to students and teachers of all faiths. This project will also help to increase employment in the area by creating many new jobs. I don't believe the school will have a major impact on the local roads as they have an excellent traffic flow plan.

In conclusion I support Minarah College being built at Catherine Field as it will be an excellent addition for the local community. The school will provide the highest quality education and teaching facilities to Western Sydney families in a location that is experiencing exponential population growth.

Kind Regards