

Subject: Subject: Concerns Regarding Privacy Impact and Proposed Modifications for Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School (SSD-43065987-MOD-2)

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed upgrades to Carlingford West Public School and Cumberland High School (Modification 2). The original design indicated that trees would be used to provide a privacy buffer for adjoining neighbours. However, as construction nears completion, we remain seriously concerned about privacy. The existing tree canopy does not sufficiently serve as a privacy screen, and the current modified landscape plan does not appear to address this issue.

According to *Appendix 8 – Pictorial Summary of Changes* (Items No. 29 and No. 35), the modified landscape plan lacks clear details regarding the exact location and species of trees on the north side of Building W. This two-story structure, approximately 40 meters in length and 10 meters in height (including its elevated foundation), poses a significant potential for overlooking at ground level. Of particular concern is the 25-meter section between 7 and 11 Hilar Avenue, where the removal of dead tree #45 has left a gap in the privacy buffer. To effectively screen the first level of Building W, trees would need to be at least 6 meters tall requiring several years to mature and potentially lacking the canopy density needed for adequate privacy.



Photo 1 The swimming pool of No.9 Hilar Ave in front of Building W without sufficient privacy screen.



Photo 2 kitchen window view from No.9 Hilar Ave which is exposed to building W.

In addition, as per the existing trees in front of building W, please refer to the photos. we are still able to overlook each other which disturbs both privacies.



Photo 3 No.9's backyard, overlooking directly to Building W's windows.



Photo4-No11's Alfresco view, overlooking directly to Building W's windows



Photo5—No11 Backyard view overlooking directly to Building W

Recommendations:

To address this concern, we strongly recommend the following measures:

1. **Frosted Windows:** Install frosted windows up to 1800mm in height, as illustrated below, to ensure privacy without obstructing natural light. This solution would provide an immediate and permanent resolution.
2. **Evergreen Planting:** Plant evergreen, low-maintenance, narrow, tall-growing conifers along the fence line instead of shrubs to create a more effective and lasting privacy barrier.



Photo 4 Half frosted windows as shown in the above picture.

We kindly request that you consider these recommendations to protect the privacy and well-being of neighbouring properties while enhancing the functionality and aesthetics of the new building.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

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