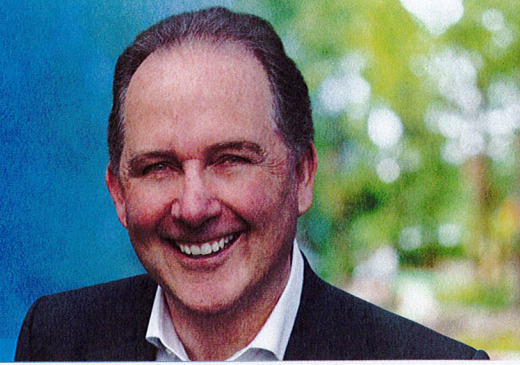




Alister Henskens SC MP

Member for Wahroonga



To whom it may concern

Subject: Concerns Regarding Traffic Impact of SSD-73603959 for Seniors Housing Development at Wahroonga

I write to support resident concerns regarding the impact on local traffic and pedestrian safety of SSD-73603959 for a Seniors Housing development at 1610, 1614-1634 Pacific Highway and 5 Munderah Street Wahroonga.

Residents are particularly alarmed about the Preliminary Construction Traffic Plan, which indicates that all construction traffic will enter and exit the site via 5 Munderah Street and travel back to the Pacific Highway via Ada Avenue. This proposed route poses significant risks to local traffic flow and safety.

Ada Avenue is a narrow local road that leads to a congested intersection with the Pacific Highway. This intersection is particularly slow-moving and often gridlocked. Abbotsleigh School, located at the corner of Ada Avenue and the Pacific Highway, brings additional traffic along this stretch, including school and staff vehicles. The school zone begins just opposite the intersection with Munderah Street, further complicating the situation, with two school driveways leading directly onto Ada Avenue, which are used during school hours.

The introduction of large, slow-moving construction trucks along this route will exacerbate congestion and pose safety risks. In particular, a large construction vehicle attempting to turn right from Ada Avenue onto the Pacific Highway would completely block the single lane of Ada Avenue causing a traffic standstill for northbound vehicles as the trucks turn against oncoming traffic.

This heavy construction traffic will also pose serious safety concerns for students crossing Ada Avenue. The redevelopment of the site is significant, involving the demolition of several existing buildings and structures, followed by the construction of six new buildings, up to seven stories high. As a result, construction traffic is expected to persist for several years, with a prolonged impact on the intersection of Ada Avenue and the Pacific Highway.

Concerned residents suggest that an alternative route using a slip road creating an entry and exit point at the UPA entrance at 1614 Pacific Highway could be used instead. In the last week, since my petition calling for consideration of this alternative route went live, I have received 318 signatures from constituents.

Given the community concern, I urge reconsideration of the proposed construction traffic plan and ask that alternative routes be used that will not unduly affect the local road network and compromise the safety of schoolchildren and residents.

Yours sincerely

Alister Henskens SC MP

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