

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned parent of a child enrolled at Nought to Five Early Childhood Centre, a not-for-profit, community based childcare facility located near the proposed Woolworth's Customer Fulfilment Centre and Warehouse in Macquarie Park.

While I understand the need for development and economic activity, I have concerns about the potential impacts this particular proposal may have on the local environment — especially for young children in our community and object to this proposed development.

My key concerns are as follows:

1. Traffic and Safety

The development is expected to bring a significant increase in heavy vehicle and delivery truck movements. This raises concerns about road safety, particularly during peak drop-off and pick-up times when families and young children are present.

2. Air and Noise Quality

Increased vehicle activity and industrial operations may affect local air quality and introduce persistent noise. These environmental changes could impact children's outdoor play, rest, and learning experiences.

3. Suitability for the Local Area

The proposed facility is located in a precinct that includes homes, schools, and childcare centres. A large-scale industrial warehouse may not align with the character and needs of a family-oriented neighbourhood.

4. Impact on Early Childhood Development

Children thrive in calm, safe, and healthy environments. The potential disruptions from this development could affect their wellbeing and the ability of educators to provide high-quality care and learning.

5. Uncertainty Around Access Routes

With multiple access routes still under consideration — including options that may direct trucks near the childcare centre — the full impact on traffic and safety remains unclear.

I respectfully ask that these concerns be carefully considered in the assessment of this proposal. Our community values a safe and nurturing environment for children, and it's important that future developments reflect and support those values.

Sincerely,

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Parent at Nought to Five Early Childhood Centre