

**2.6.2025**

**Re: Submission for Woolworths CFC and Warehouse, Macquarie Park (SSD-48853239)**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an employee of Stephen Edwards Constructions Pty Ltd and we are located at 140 Wicks Road, Macquarie Park and object to the application.

I have a significant concern with the proposed 24/7 Woolworth's Customer Fulfilment Centre (CFC) development at 144 Wicks Rd, Macquarie Park.

This concern is the introduction of a new set of traffic lights on Wicks Rd to service the proposed development.

Increased Traffic Volumes:

Wicks Rd between Epping Road and Waterloo St / Halifax St is already a busy road with both vehicular and pedestrian traffic at any time of the day. This is due to a large number of factors:

- Parents dropping off and picking up kids from Simba Education
- Delivery trucks and vehicles accessing the loading docks for 109 & 111 Wicks Rd
- A large number of all types of vehicles accessing 113 & 115 Wicks Rd – which is directly opposite the proposed set of lights
- Residents, visitors and others accessing the residential towers and businesses located on Halifax St as using Wicks Rd is the only access road exiting Halifax St
  - This is only going to get worse as more and more residential towers are constructed and the number of residents (and vehicles) increases!
- Wicks Rd is also used as a parking area for trucks
  - There are numerous times when arriving in the mornings to see up to 4 or 5 truck and dogs parked along the road waiting for their turn to load or unload at whatever site they are going to - have even seen some allocated to the Warringah Freeway works which is a long way from Wicks Rd.
- Additional buses – the proposed new EV charging depot for buses at the northern end of Wicks Rd is going to add extra vehicles to already congested times.
- Due to the phasing of the lights at Wicks & Epping Road, it is not uncommon to see vehicles banked all the way back to 111 Wicks Rd on the south bound lanes which would severely impact trucks entering and exiting at the proposed lights – can see trucks attempting to turn right onto Wicks Rd and not able to pull out fully into a lane and then blocking both south and northbound lanes
  - This is further exacerbated in the morning & afternoon peaks
- Vehicles accessing the Cleanaway Resource Centre at the northern end of Wicks Rd – not just the public utilising the facilities, but the semi-trailers coming in and out to transport the materials
  - There is also the ANL depot which has lots of large truck movements dropping off and picking up materials.

Increased potential of accidents:

I sit on our balcony at lunchtime and have seen at least a dozen accidents over the years where vehicles turn from Epping Rd (in either direction) into Wicks Rd and then attempt to do a u-turn at the entry to any one of the driveways for 109 to 115 Wicks Rd not realising there is a truck also turning into the same driveway to access the property and then there is a collision!

Additionally, a number of these vehicles attempting these u-turns after dropping off or picking up children from Simba Education!!

At peak times, I have witnessed vehicles in the southbound lanes cross over to the wrong side of the road to get around traffic as they want to turn right onto Epping Road, but due to the volume of traffic attempting to go either left or straight at Epping Rd, they get frustrated and take risks. This will definitely occur more frequently with the introduction of the proposed lights.

Pedestrians on both sides of the footpath – this area is very busy with pedestrians either doing their exercise or just out and about. With the additional towers being developed, again, this number is only going to increase.

It is a matter of when and not if a serious accident happens on Wicks Rd with either vehicles or pedestrians involved or both!!

Reviewing the plans of the proposed development, there is a planned access road onto Waterloo Rd – why can't these new lights go in at this location and avoid a LOT of issues!!

I declare that I have not made a political donation in the last 2 years

I acknowledge that I accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kendall', written in a cursive style.

Adrian Kendall  
Infrastructure & Assets Manager for Stephen Edwards Constructions P/L.