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Re: Warehouse & Customer Fulfilment Centre, Marrickville – (Application SSD- 10468)

I write to you regarding the above proposal, which I strongly object to. I have no reportable political donations to declare.

The reasons for my objections to this proposal are as follows:

I reside in the residential area zoned R1 & R2 in your Acoustic Assessment Report, and am very concerned about how severely my residence and my neighbour's residence will be impacted by the planned building and operations of this Warehouse & Customer Fulfilment Centre.

Noise from Edinburgh road is already at an untenable level due to the construction that is currently occurring all around the immediate vicinity. To have the proposed Warehouse & Customer Fulfilment Centre approved to both be constructed and to operate on a 24 /7 basis will greatly impact on our local residents because of the additional noise & traffic generated from both the construction and the additional traffic entering this warehouse complex. Whilst we may be on the edge of the industrial area, this area is still zoned residential and its unreasonable to expect the residents to have to deal with the catastrophic noise of jack hammers / drills and workmen shouting on a 24 /7 basis.

In addition, your reports state that the main vehicular access to the site for passenger vehicles is proposed to be provided via a signalised access point from Edinburgh Road, opposite Smidmore Street, and that the heavy vehicle / loading vehicle access will occur via the proposed Sydney Steel Road access points, which is adjacent to other industrial / commercial areas. We are concerned about the level of noise that will be generated by any heavy vehicles using their compression brakes entering or exiting the facility and the impact that will have on the local residents. We request that vehicles above the 3-tonne size are restricted from turning left into Edinburgh Road when exiting the complex to reduce the volume of heavy vehicles travelling past the residential zones in Edinburgh road.

It is the proposed emergency access point at the western end of the site on Edinburgh Road that will have the most impact on the local residents as it is opposite the existing residential areas. The disruption to the residents is due to two factors- the high volume of traffic noise and also the visual disturbance generated from the car headlights as they enter & exit the car park. This is completely unreasonable when there is the option of having all entries and exits via Sydney Steel road which is not flanked by residential properties.

This proposed emergency access point has the very real potential to become another routine entrance / exit point for the customers & the heavy vehicles as a short cut to avoid any congestion that may be occurring at the other exit/ entrance points. Your proposal includes the Traffic Impact Assessment report which has determined weekday afternoon and Saturday traffic generations of 360 and 820 vehicles per hour two-way respectively. If even 10% of the traffic utilised the emergency access point it will be a nightmare for the residents in the area. We oppose any access via the western end of Edinburgh road into or out of this warehouse complex.

In addition, a building of seven storeys is too large a development and will have a significant impact on the social fabric and local environment which is constantly being eroded by these types of large developments. The project plan includes the removal of 66 trees but no equivalent green area has been designed adjacent to the residential areas to offset the impact of such a development environmentally.

The current re-development of the Marrickville Metro shopping centre has already seen all the large trees that graced the full length of Smidmore Street removed and not being replaced. With these additional 66 trees being removed as part of this Warehouse & Customer Fulfilment Centre proposal there will be an impact on heat retention etc in the immediate vicinity for the residents.

Corporations such as Woolworths have a social responsibility to consider the concerns that this type of development, due to its size and design will have on the local residents and manage those design issues accordingly.

