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Dear Ms Cleary

**re: Name: SCEGGS Darlinghurst Concept and Stage 1 DA**  
**Application No.: SSD 17\_8993**

As a long-time, local resident, I object to the proposed development on the SCEGGS Darlinghurst campus, on a variety of grounds:

1. Significant loss of basic views:

The proposed 7-storey building on the southern perimeter of the SCEGGS site is 2.8 metres taller than the existing height of the current Old Gym Building. (It is noted that the released height diagrams incorrectly implied that the height increase was only 1.1 metres taller than the existing structure, potentially misleading local residents and other interested parties.)

2. Irreplaceable loss of heritage buildings:

The 1920's building on the corner of Forbes St and St Peters St is slated for destruction, to be replaced by a building that has no engagement with the surrounding streets. The proposed replacement on this site is essentially an internal-facing structure that creates a boundary wall-like effect on the corner of Forbes and St Peters streets. The proposed structure replaces a human-scale façade that relates to the streetscape with a monolithic form with no entranceways or relationship to the street.

Additionally, on the SCEGGS Darlinghurst campus is one of the remaining Villas of Darlinghurst, dating back to the early colonial expansion of the settlement of Sydney. The 1830's villa, Barham, will be completely cut off from Forbes St by the proposed new building.

### 3. Excessive bulk of the proposed 7-storey southern SCEGGS campus building

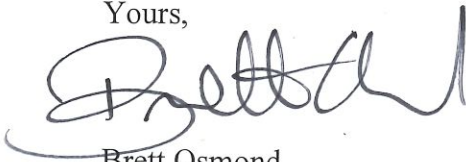
The proposed 7-storey structure is not in keeping with the 19<sup>th</sup> century character of Thomson, Forbes and Bourke streets, both in terms of proposed design, but also in height and other dimensions. The positioning of this over-sized building on the southern perimeter of the SCEGGS campus is such that it causes maximum negative impact on neighbouring properties, in terms of overshadowing, visual impact and privacy. It seems almost as if the designers deliberately positioned it to minimise its impact on the school grounds, and maximise the damage to neighbouring properties.

Should you wish to contact me to verify my details, I may be contacted as follows:

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Please do not release my personal details to SCEGGS or parties acting on behalf of SCEGGS.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brett Osmond', with a stylized, flowing script.

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