

803/184 Forbes Street
Darlinghurst, NSW 2010

3 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed expansion of Sydney Church of England Girl's Grammar School (SCEGGS).

I have various concerns with the proposal as follow.

Firstly, the submission indicates that despite the significantly increased classroom area, it is not the current administration's intent to increase the school's admission numbers. Notwithstanding this administration's intents, future administrations may well choose to increase numbers. Any planning approval provided should therefore be based upon the potential capacity of the school, rather than existing admission numbers. Additional pupils would lower the amenity of residents in the area due to: 1) additional traffic; 2) additional noise and 3) additional pollution.

Secondly, I am unconvinced that the stated capital investment value is accurate. The figure proposed is 'coincidentally' just under the determining level beyond which a Design Competition would be required.

Thirdly, the submission fails to address existing concerns for the road and general safety of residents. SCEGGS has provided no drop off point for senior students, and parents instead disgorge them on Forbes Street. Road abuses by the parents are rife, as is their trespassing on private property (namely the Horizon) when executing u-turns. The safest place for parents to drop off children, St Peters St, has deliberately had plantings inserted, thereby preventing parents from using this for drop off.

Finally, the submission details and Early Education and Care facility for 90 children (which on face value would contradict the statement that pupil numbers will not increase), however the submission does not sufficiently examine the impacts arising from this development.

Yours faithfully,

Stuart Wilcox