



2 April 2019

Ms Prity Cleary
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Ms Cleary

Objection – SSD 17_8993 SCEGGS Darlinghurst Concept DA and Stage 1 DA

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge an objection to the SCEGGS Masterplan Concept and Stage 1 documents. We wish to register a number of objections:

1. Traffic Management

The current traffic impact of parents and carers dropping off and collecting students is a major concern for residents of the Horizon. The narrow Forbes and Bourke Streets, which are local roads, were not designed to cope with the amount of traffic now generated by SCEGGS at peak morning and afternoon periods. Apart from a person supervising students at pedestrian crossings, SCEGGS plays no role nor takes any responsibility for the impact of the traffic generated by student drop off and collection. Parents routinely double park, park in unauthorised zones and frequently use the Horizon entrance as a turning circle, a very dangerous thing to do, endangering the safety of pedestrians entering and leaving the building including elderly people and young children. The current situation is an unacceptable risk to everyone's safety particularly at peak times in the mornings and afternoons.

2. Wilkinson House

I strongly object to the demolition of Wilkinson House. This is a listed heritage building and part of the East Sydney Heritage Conservation area. I understand it was designed by Emil Sodersten, who later achieved recognition as the winner of the design competition for the National War Memorial in Canberra, and went to design other notable apartment buildings in Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay, including Birtley Towers and Marlborough Hall. Wilkinson House is thought to be his first Sydney commission. So this building is significant in contributing to the recognition of an under recognised and influential architect of the early twentieth century.

The building occupies a highly prominent position on the SCEGGS site, and its design complements the series of buildings on the southern side of William Street, also recognised in the East Sydney Heritage Conservation area.

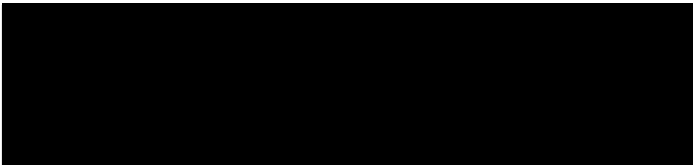
I support Option 2 outlined in the Heritage Assessment documentation, for the retention of the complete building façade, and the adaptive re-use of its interior configuration. The DA consent should approve this option and preserve this item of local heritage significance.

Very little remains of Sydney's historic architecture and to demolish this integral component of our local history is in our opinion tantamount to vandalism.

We believe that SCEGGS have a responsibility to all stakeholders including the local community.

We trust our comments are of assistance in achieving a balanced outcome of benefits to the local community in the further development of the SCEEGS school facilities.

Yours sincerely

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