

Major Project: Weigall Sports Complex, Sydney Grammar School

Application Number SSD-10421

We, the undersigned, strongly oppose the application for development works at Weigall Sports Complex in its current proposed form ("submission").

The proposed location of the Weigall Sports Complex as indicated in the submission has an unacceptable impact on the amenity of the surrounding locality which is largely comprised of quiet residential premises.

The submission does not adequately address why alternative locations were not selected which do not impact so heavily on neighbouring residences.

Furthermore, the submission time directly ahead of the busy holiday period, even with an extension on the previous submission closing date, is inadequate for neighbouring residents to properly consider and respond to the impact of this development.

Noise Pollution

Of particular concern is noise pollution during both the construction work as well as during use of the facility once built.

It is unacceptable to permit blasting, rock cutting and other noisy and penetrating works to take place for long hours, commencing early in the morning and completing in the evening in what is otherwise a quiet residential area along Lawson St and surrounds. The submission does not advise whether blasting is also intended to take place on Saturdays but it is clear general building works will be.

The significant extension of operating hours for use of the completed facility, including on weekends, poses an unacceptable risk of noise pollution to nearby residences. The submission indicates hours of use for the facility will be extended to 6am – 10pm during weekdays as well as operating for long hours and maintaining the same early start time on both Saturdays and Sundays.

It is concerning that the White Noise Acoustics report ("report") included in the submission wholly relies on action undertaken by Sydney Grammar to mitigate noise levels rather than mandating that the building itself protect against noise pollution. For example, rather than having an enclosed building trapping noise levels, located and facing away from residences along Lawson Street, the report simply advises *"Any openable glazing is to be closed towards the south and east of the building during high noise generating periods..."*

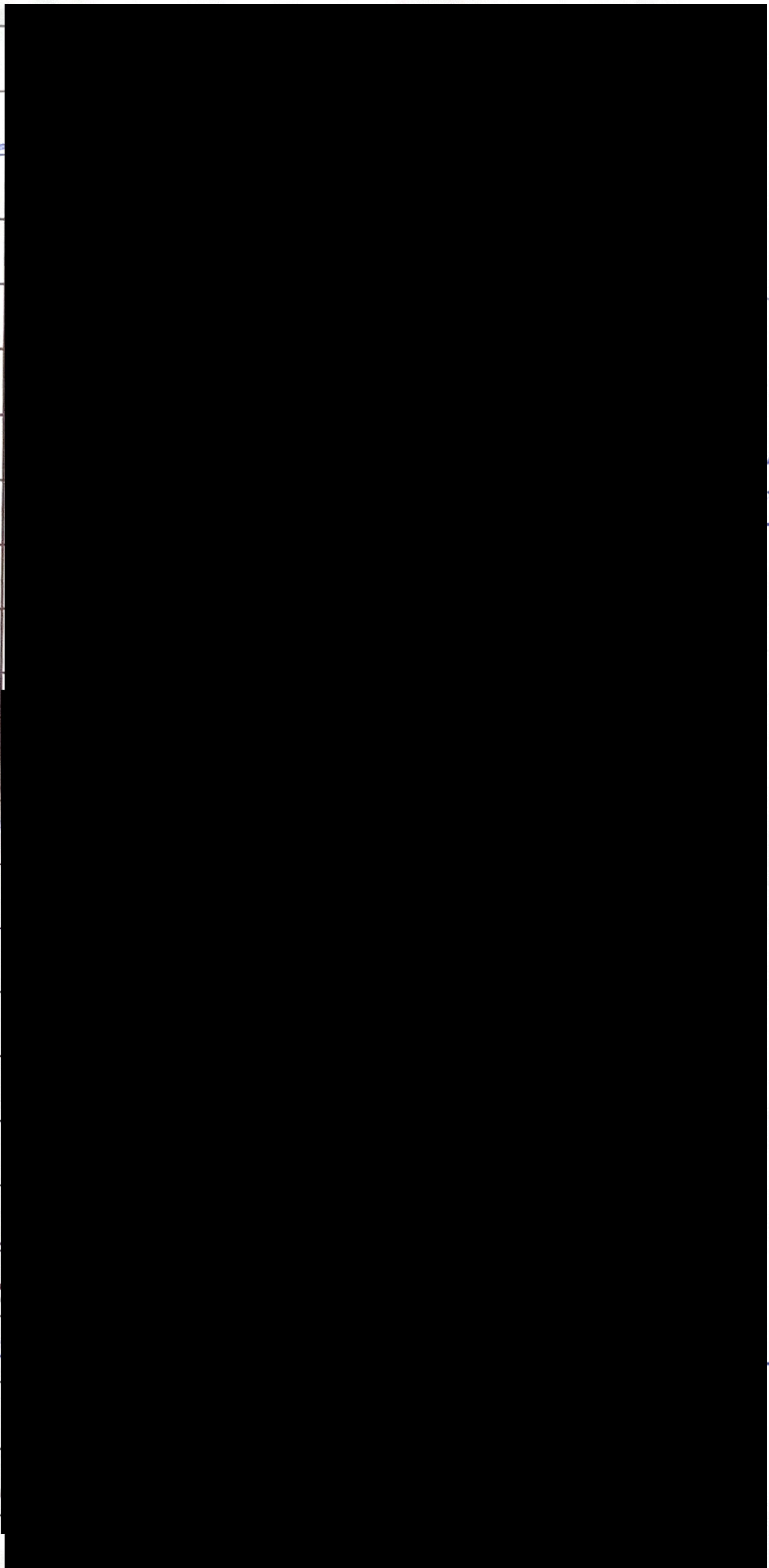
Visual Pollution/property value diminution/health concerns

The erection of an electrical substation along the border of Neild Ave/Lawson St poses an unacceptable visual impact on the local area. The submission does not adequately outline what alternative locations or power sources were considered and why these were rejected. An electrical substation will present a visual eyesore in the leafy neighbourhood and devalue nearby homes.

Any electrical substation should be placed away from neighbour's homes to adequately address health concerns associated with electric and magnetic fields emitted from the proposed high voltage substation.

This letter outlines a limited number of the many reasons the submission is entirely unacceptable and strongly opposed in its current form. The undersigned demand that the applicant of the submission considers alternative locations for the sports complex facility and carpark as well as alternative power source solutions.

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