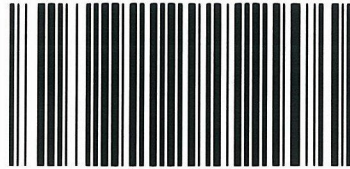


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Re Santa Sophia Catholic College,
Application SSD 9772
Located at: - Fontana Drive Box Hill North.
Applicant: - CEDP
Council Area: - The Hills Shire
The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Proposal: to construct a new School Kindergarten to Year 12 within the Gables Shopping Centre.

This is totally inappropriate for a New School to be constructed within a shopping centre in a new residential area when firstly there are grounds allocated at and available at the Original site Terry Road where the School will have a more suitable environment and will not impose on the Shopping Centre, There is absolutely no advantages in building the School within the Shopping Centre, it would create a lot of ill feeling amongst the community and Businesses within the Shopping Centre not least of all the safety of the 2,000 Children/Students and Staff who need to be considered above all else.

I can make a long list of disadvantages for you against a very short list of advantages, but I am certain you would be aware of what these are. One concern is student roaming through the Shopping centre at different times when they should be at School, Sport or at home.

The application for the New School is driven by some people who are more concerned about building a monument to themselves then the interest of the 2,000 Student, Parents and Staff who will be attending the Santa Sophia Catholic College and such personal interest should not form a basis on which to build the New School at a place of their choosing, This is not a choice of the wider community.

As you can see this application is not just to build a New School, the local community has been hoodwinked Bullied and Coerced into doing the development of the new School at the Gables Shopping Centre, I can see many insurmountable problems arising out of this development and feel certain that the Department of Planning and The Hills Shire Council would not be interested in inviting more problems than are necessary.

As you would be aware there is more than adequate ground put aside at The original Terry Road site, specifically purchased for the Santa Sophia Catholic College in 2004 allowing the 2,000 Students and Staff better freedom with learning, playing fields, Parking, Expansion when necessary and the environment plus most of all is the Safety for the 2,000 Students, these reasons alone make it a logical reason to have the School built at the original Terry Road site.

Let common sense prevail, the greater community can and will benefit from the Original Terry Road Site. Thanking you and look forward to your opinion on this matter.

I trust you to make the right decision to the benefit of the 2,000 Students, Parents and Staff and The Local Community.

Regards

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