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Dear Mr Stokes

I write to you in relation to State Significant Development SSD-8996 for the concept proposal and Stage 1 of Loreto Normanhurst Schools' redevelopment.

Whilst I support the need for Loreto Normanhurst to plan for the future to ensure that its facilities meet the needs of the school community, I do have concerns in respect of the impact on the school's neighbours who reside in Mount Pleasant Avenue and the Adventist Retirement Village in Waratah Way.

Mount Pleasant Avenue is a dead-end street that runs off Pennant Hills Road and borders Loreto Normanhurst on the southern side. Waratah Way is a small access road servicing the Adventist Retirement Village at the end of Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Since becoming Member for Ku-ring-gai in 2015, I have been contacted by residents regarding safety and congestion concerns at the intersection of Mount Pleasant Avenue and Pennant Hills Road. I have subsequently contacted both Hornsby Council and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to try and find a solution. I understand that the former Member for Ku-ring-gai, the Hon Barry O'Farrell, also made similar representations.

I note that the Ason Group Traffic Assessment Report (Ref: 0416r01v1 22/01/2019) records that there were 7 crashes at this intersection from 2013-2017 with 1 of them fatal. Residents believe that best safety outcome would be to install traffic lights. Unfortunately traffic lights at this location are not supported by RMS on the basis that they would be located in close proximity to the intersection of Pennant Hills Road / Osborn / Normanhurst Road.

I would therefore encourage traffic considerations to be taken into account and ameliorative measures for Mount Pleasant Avenue as a possible condition of consent for the Masterplan.

Yours sincerely

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