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Mr Alister Henskens, MP

Mr Matt Kean, MP

Jasmine Tranquille

RE: LORETO NORMANHURST DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION STUDENT INTAKE INCREASE FROM 1250 TO 2000 STUDENTS

I hereby object to the proposed plan by Loreto Normanhurst to increase student intake from 1,250 students to 2,000.

The intersection of Osborn Avenue and Pennant Hills Road is an extraordinarily dangerous intersection. I have already submitted a letter requesting a red light camera for this intersection due to both trucks and cars frequently running red lights.

Frequently buses and cars are banked up on Pennant Hills Road awaiting entry into Osborn Road at school pick up times. This creates dangerous traffic chaos on an already dreadful road.

The addition of a junior school at Loreto, which invariably will require hundreds of parents to drive students (given the ages of the children) and school buses, will result in a 60% increase in vehicle traffic on Osborn Road.

Then there is the significant lack of parking which creates chaos on both weekdays and on weekends, where parents abandon their cars rather than park them. Cars parked far and wide and frequently blocking the entryway to Currawong Avenue. Council has placed a small number of no parking signs (Saturdays) to try and prevent this but the situation remains that a fire engine would not be able to pass through to Currawong, Nepean, Rivertop, Wendy or Dunbar roads.

If this application is to be approved, despite local resident objection, then I implore you to require Mt Pleasant Avenue as ELC access and install a set of traffic lights to enable safe passage across Pennant Hills Road. Osborn Avenue simply has no capacity to cope with the additional traffic that Loreto will require for their student increase of 60% additional students.