NORMANHURSRT 2076

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Objection to: SSD-8996, Loreto Normanhurst School Redevelopment (concept Proposal And Stage 1).Loreto Normanhurst School Redevelopment (Concept Proposal and Stage 1) | Major Projects - Department of Planning

I object to the above application because the increase of students by 750 will have an impact on traffic and the amenity of the area.

The increase of more than 60% of students will result in an increase in number of teachers, other staff and students driving cars to school and will have an exponential impact on the existing level of queues. As it is now on school days almost all available parking in Osborn Road is taken up. At peak hours the waiting time at the traffic light is at present so long that the lights often shifts two or three times before an exit can be achieved. It means at least 12-15 minutes of waiting time.

Traffic on Osborn Road is not only generated from the school but also from people living in Nepean Avenue, Currawong Avenue, Wendy Avenue, Rivertop Close and Dunbar Close. With the current trend in subdividing blocks and rebuilding the number of vehicles using Osborn Road is increasing. On top of that the activity level has already been increased by the Loreto's pool, sporting facilities and oval being used for other purposes than Loreto's own athletic and sports events outside school hours (evenings and weekends).

Osborn Road for half its length has barely space for two passing cars. Presently at School starting and finishing times it is chaotic with queues of cars competing with buses and Normanhurst Public school children trying to cross at the traffic lights. The current situation is already dangerous and would be particularly so if there should be a fire emergency.

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