

**Ms Aditi Coomar**

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8<sup>TH</sup> March 2021

**Attention: Director – Social and Other Infrastructure Assessments**

Dear Ms Coomar,

**LORETO NORMANHURST SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT (CONCEPT PROPOSAL AND STAGE 1), 91-93 PENNANT HILLS ROAD NORMANHURST (SSD-8996) – OBJECTION**

We write to you **to object to the above proposal.**

We have been residents of Mount Pleasant Avenue for the [REDACTED]. Obviously, there would be many other residents that have lived in this street for much longer than us. But prior to Mount Pleasant Avenue we lived in [REDACTED] Wahroonga, which is pretty much the same vicinity, and over those combined [REDACTED] in total, we have seen many changes.

This area has grown extensively. Loreto also has changed and grown dramatically since we moved into this street. We have seen a new gym, pool, library, and wing. We are aware with growth the school needs to expand. But this next stage of expansion seems to be very dramatic and without proper consideration of the outlying streets and access to the school. Two very narrow streets line the school and as your aware, both streets have residential on the other side of the street. Both streets are lined with parked cars, and sometimes is almost impossible to get a single lane of traffic without dodging cars all the way.

Stopping a right-hand turn onto Pennant Hills road and directing traffic to a left hand turn only, is not a solution to the problem. Then to try to turn right to head north and directing traffic across three lanes of traffic, in a short space to get to the set of lights at Normanhurst Road is extremely dangerous. The lights have a very limited holding area whilst waiting for green arrow to turn right into Normanhurst Road. This is only going to cause chaos and possibly more accidents.

Loreto's only proposal to their traffic management plan includes creating a flow of traffic from Osborne Rd, through their school and out onto Mount Pleasant Avenue. This is turn will create traffic delays and will be very concerning especially for the safety of the younger primary children at Normanhurst Public school.

Our family was impacted from a young 'P' plate driver leaving Loreto school at the end of the day, and almost ran over our youngest daughter on her way home from [REDACTED]. Lucky she was only badly bruised but was extremely distressed from the incident. The 40-hour school zone limit is mostly ignored by drivers in our street, and on this occasion was obvious that speed was the factor. At many other times we have witnessed cars entering and exiting Mount Pleasant Avenue at higher speeds obviously due to drivers being in a great rush to get to the next venue under unrealistic time restraints.

We believe there should be traffic lights at the intersection of Mount Pleasant Avenue and Pennant Hills Road. Also Loreto should have more consideration for the traffic conditions and be responsible for providing proper solutions and realistic to the traffic issues that are currently present, let alone any future issues that will be obvious from this development.

In summary, we object to the Loreto Normanhurst amended proposal based on the traffic management plan being insufficient to substantiate this development.

**Declaration – We have never made or will not make a political donation to any political party.**

Yours sincerely,

Kerrie and Allan Dalton