

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Major Projects Assessments

Planning Service

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RE: SSD 6339 St Catherine's School Campus Master Plan and Stage 1 Development

To Whom it may concern

I am writing to express my objection to the Master Plan DA and Stage 1 proposals for St Catherine's School.

I live in Gipps Street and will be impacted by the proposed development in the following ways.

1. Parking.

At present the school provides 55 car parking spaces and has proposed that another 19 be added for a current teacher population of 200, volunteers, additional teachers for the additional 230 pupils, office staff and visitors to the school. Our street provides parking for both St Catherine's and Waverley College. The parents park in the driveways and no standing zones while collecting their children. The parking is inadequate to cater for the current school population and the proposed increase in school numbers will only exacerbate the current parking problems. The school should make an effort to fit in with the local community and not rely on the good will of its neighbours to have to provide parking for its staff, volunteers and visitors to the school. A car park should be included as part of the proposal to ensure that the all staff and visitors have adequate parking.

2. Special Events

The parking is totally inadequate for the special events held at the school. The plan envisages that the Aquatic centre be used 7 days a week all year round. Again parking within the school should be provided for the users of the facility to reduce the impact of the centre on the local community both in terms of parking and noise as the users enter and exit from the school. A 500 seat theatre is proposed for the school. Again the impact of events should be confined to the school as much as possible and parking should be provided for the new facilities and existing facilities.

3. Drop off Zones

At present we find it difficult to exit the area by car during school drop off and pick up periods. The exits along Victoria Road and Birrell Street are used by Waverley College and the exit along

Bronte Road and Macpherson Street by St Catherine's. Quite often cars do U turns in the middle of the traffic to try to find a quicker way of exiting the area and it is difficult for emergency vehicles. The proposed extension of the drop off zones in Leichardt Street and Macpherson Street will only exacerbate the situation. Any way of reducing the traffic queues by implementing no parking zones will only increase the number of cars parking in residential streets in the current plan. The school should be required to provide in drop off zones within its boundaries with proper planning for the school's pedestrian traffic and the local residents.

#### 4. Overdevelopment of the Site

The school should be of a size and form that serves the community but is not a burden on the local community. The current zoning of R2 and height limits should be maintained and be applied to any new facilities. The number of students should be capped having regard to the effects on the local community and the ability of the site to provide the necessary infrastructure for the students rather the projected demand of students.

Regards

St Catherine's Neighbour