

17 November 2014

To NSW Planning & Environment Department

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL MASTER PLAN (SSD 6339)

With regard to the above DA by St Catherine School, we object as follows;

1. We submit that since the St Catherine's School ("the school") began their oversize development/s over the last few years, the traffic congestion has become horrific. There are presently long delays from all areas around the school causing major traffic congestion. If this development is permitted, it will be chaos getting around the areas – not just weekdays, but also on weekends.
2. When the school originally began its enlarging process, they promised the local community that it would not affect the traffic or any other conditions around the area...and now they are stating the same promises, which are all not true.
3. The school will become larger; more students and more staff. Presently approximately 60% of students are dropped off by private car to the school. How is that going to decrease? Why hasn't the school till now tried to minimise the drop-off by private vehicles?
4. Also staff at present drive to work – more than ¾ of staff do this every day; how is that going to change, but it's going to increase with the larger number of staff. There has been minimal allowance for extra car parking spaces within the school to take into account the greater number of teaching staff.
5. We will have a 7 days week aquatic centre operating all day, evenings and weekends. Visitor numbers increase right through the week.
6. To summarise,

There will be **more** buildings, students, staff, cleaners, visitors, car movements for Drop Offs, Car movements for events, traffic jams, cars parked in residential streets, evening and weekend activity, noise.

There will be **less** trees on Macpherson Street, less car spaces for residents, less sky for users of Macphersons Street, less peace and quiet, less street and residential amenity.

There will be **bigger** drop off zones, buildings, pool complex, air cons systems, theatre complex, noise and shadowing impacts, daily hours of use, spread of use over calendar year.
7. The community is going to be greatly impacted and it will have a devastating effect on what presently is left of the Waverley/Bronte Macpherson Street, Bronte Road, Charring Cross Village type area.
8. The school should relocate those amenities that they wish to now build to another more open area in suburbs where there are more green open spaces similar to what other large private schools have relocated their facilities.

We request a public hearing on this matter.

Yours faithfully