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**RE: Development at Graythwaite
MP 10_0150 & MP 10_0149 – Graythwaite Concept Plan**

It is already a permanent disgrace to our country that our State Department of Planning allowed Shore School to buy the valuable expanse of the fresh and natural Graythwaite Grounds (a specific and honest bequest to our crowded area in permanent memory to our brave soldiers) to be sold off!

We have no objection to the Shore School, which is an excellent private school, continuing its normal functioning inside its pre-Graythwaite parameters. We have the greatest objection to Shore School having not been stopped by planning authorities from buying Graythwaite, which any honest law abiding loyal Australian now knows your department to be unfeeling and disloyal individuals. You are now known as totally devoid of understanding ethics by condoning the taking over of already "given in perpetuity land". These were valuable open spaces in an increasingly populated area with totally cluttered narrow roads now already suffering from a lack of parking spaces for its citizens.

The roads are particularly cluttered about the Shore School, situated as it is so close to the train station and bus terminals with few and narrow but incredibly used roads already passing the various openings of the school grounds.

All those on all sides of Shore's property are already only too aware of the congestion in the school's adjoining roads already being caused every school day. To expect to further decrease the inadequate capacity of Union Street, alone, would cause not only increased blocking chaos in Union Street but also its own feeing roads. The hills that all point up to Shore School's entrances already cause the locals a series of stalled lines of motor traffic and small armies of walkers attempting to get to and back from the very heart of the North Shore CBD. And that is now!

To allow any more pupils to be accommodated at Shore School would be to invite bigger daily traffic jams.

Your Planning Department are there to protect and develop our areas, and you do this most of the time. This proposal should not be allowed at all, because it will cause Machiavellian school day instant traffic gridlock chaos.

You developers would like to be known as wise. You are, so far, in disgrace, as the North Sydney electorate is simply aghast at what lovely space you have already lost from us ratepayers. To continue on with trying to get this disgraceful and now sold off "national perpetual gift" of yours to a school, and go on to allow more students and their extra teachers for Shore School is an absolute disgrace to you, each one, individually because you planners know what disorders overstressed roadblocks cause.

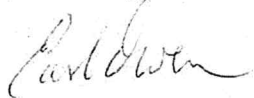
Please consider the whole population of North Sydney and now totally reject the current Graythwaite Concept Plan for hundreds of more Shore boys and teachers, additional transport chaos of getting them to and from school, and the building of classrooms and facilities on all that natural, open ground.

The ratepayers would prefer to pay even higher rates to have the privilege to live in the North Shore with it's already crowded land and the already almost gridlocked narrow and restricted roadways. The effect upon the Harbour Bridge early morning and after school traffic must be so obvious to you by now.

We object to all parts of this latest "Shore" School application. If it goes ahead it will destroy the equanimity of the North Sydney electorate in many more ways than you have considered.

Planners it's up to you to cancel this concept plan in its entirety.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Earl', written in dark ink.

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