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Re - Application No. MP10 0149 & MP10 0150  
Shore School & Graythwaite Site, Edward Street, North Sydney.

Dear Sir,

We wish to object to aspects of the proposed plans for the above site in North Sydney.

**Stage 2** The plan increases parking spaces by 41; this is excessive. The school already has 151 formal spaces why do they need to encourage more traffic into an already congested area? North Sydney is well served by public transport and all types of sustainable travel options should be encouraged by the School.

Should the parking spaces be eliminated from the basement of the East Building the height concerns would also be addressed.

**Stage 3** The School proposes a student increase of up to 500, with an additional increase of 50 teachers. With this additional amount of people accessing the site the traffic in surrounding streets will become unsustainable. One only has to be in the vicinity of the School at peak times to realise that these additional numbers will render the surrounding streets impossible to negotiate. Already frustrated drivers of both buses and private cars cause dangerous incidents on a daily basis. Double parking and driving over to the wrong side of the road to get past gridlocked streets is a common occurrence. This puts both students and other pedestrians at great risk.

**On Site Pick Up & Drop Off.** The School with it's recent purchase of the Graythwaite Estate has a perfect opportunity to be able to accommodate on site pick up and drop off. With the availability of two driveways (Union Street and Edward Street ) why can these not be utilised as a through site driveway? The area in front of the new East Building could easily accommodate buses travelling in a forward direction.

**Destruction of Trees** We are very concerned to read of the number of trees to be removed. Every time a new Stage is advertised there seems to be more trees removed. The trees on the Graythwaite Estate are of great significance and the loss of so many is a tragedy. The old growth supports so many bird a fauna species they should be preserved. The School maintains they will replace old trees with new plantings but this does not address the issue of heritage and habitat loss. Once lost there is no way they can be replaced.

We therefore urge you to reconsider this application. The School does not need to have so many extra students at it's North Sydney campus.

Yours faithfully,

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