

Major Projects Assessment

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

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**Re: MP 10\_0150 & MP 10\_0149 – Graythwaite Concept Plan.**

I am a local school student who regularly uses Union St to walk to public transport in North Sydney. I have also used Edward St but in school peak times this area is a nightmare, you don't know which way to look because there are cars and buses everywhere even on the wrong side of the road. Though it is entertaining to hear the road rage, adults do know how to sware and can do it really well!

I have looked at Shore's school proposal to use Union St as a Shore pickup and drop off facility for the Shore boys for both cars and buses.  
**Please do not allow this.**

I may be a lone voice but I feel I can speak for many other school kids who live in the area.

This could mean that in Union St I will have to cross 5 SHORE driveways in a short stretch of road. I currently have to cross 1 Shore driveway which is already difficult because you cannot see the cars, mini buses or delivery trucks coming down the driveway until they are on the footpath.

There is no warning that they are coming and no way to make them slow down, most of the drivers' are looking to the right to check traffic but I am approaching from their left so they don't see me.

Most afternoons I also have to deal with several groups of maybe 20 Shore boys at a time who use the local streets, including Union St as some sort of running route for I guess sports training. It is pretty scary to have 20 sweating boys either coming towards you or approaching from behind at a fast pace. I know my friend's grandmother was nearly knocked over by them – she complained to the school but it still happens.

With so much land at the school why do the Shore boys use the local footpaths as their running track?

I have already had some near misses with Shore vehicle and foot traffic and I can assure you that any increase in school traffic using the Union St

area will be a big problem for me and other kids and grandmothers using the footpath on Union St.

Why don't more Shore boys use public transport? At North Sydney you have trains, buses and ferries and the government gives you a free pass.

My school, which has minimal land and is in the city, does have a small pick up area for primary kids but definitely not for senior school. For the primary pickup at my school the younger primary classes come out 10 minutes before the older primary classes, each parent has a sign that they hold up in their car and if cars arrive early they wait in a "waiting area" without blocking the local roads before moving to the designated pick up area. I even think they could have an electronic traffic sign at that waiting area telling parents what class is out and ready for pick up or that year 5 is late back from excursion.

These are simple things that make car pick up lines and school traffic slightly better – why doesn't Shore look at these simple ways to make the current problems better?

Most of our teachers who drive to school park in the local parking station and walk a couple of blocks to school, they don't seem to mind and it is added security on the streets for students. Why don't Shore teachers park in Greenwood or the parking station in William St, the school could pay the teachers back or lease the spaces for them like most companies do?

As the highest priority, my school encourages students to catch public transport - it is better for the environment, usually quicker, good exercise, makes you more independent and is a lot more fun than your mother picking you up!

The Shore traffic issues are a real problem for me but I must also say that I object to the large buildings that they want to build, the trees they want to cut down and the bush they want to clear.

The trees and bushland should have priority as they provide habitat for many animals and we need them for our environment. Shore has the opportunity to start major "green" initiatives regarding this land and show their boys how to be good citizens. Monte, another private school in the local area has just banned bottled water and installed refill stations – a great green initiative showing that our schools can and should be leading these environmental reforms.

**I OBJECT STRONGLY TO THIS APPLICATION.**

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