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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: University of Sydney Abercrombie Precinct Redevelopment (MP07_0158)

A key community concern that became apparent at a public briefing over the revised project a couple of months ago was the intrusion of the university into the suburban residential area – to the extent that some attending felt that the university was taking over the suburb of Darlington. Those attending as a whole wanted any development to be constrained within the existing envelope of the university (including access points) and for it not to overwhelm and be out-of-character with the surrounding residential area.

I am very much in agreement with these sentiments. The key points of concern to me are:

Scale of the new buildings

The planned building works totally out of scale with the surrounding residential and community buildings.

Access point and traffic congestion on Abercrombie Street

Access to the development site for all trucks and deliveries is proposed as Abercrombie Street. A similar location is proposed for the planned underground car park to be built for the student accommodation and University staff. The car park will accommodate 185 car spots.

The increased traffic flows and access point are an unacceptable risk to the community, and the children who attend Darlington school. There is no justification for this level of risk, particularly as the University has other street frontages in the development area without school or residential issues.

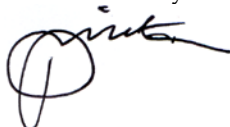
Noise impacts

There is significant concern that increased noise from the construction will have an inevitable adverse impact on the surrounding community and will continue for five years, considerably affecting the amenity of the community over the length of the project.

The project's Noise Impact Assessment states that noise associated with construction activities will exceed the noise management level of the *Interim Construction Noise Guidelines*.

This level of noise impact is unacceptable for the community as well as the adjacent the school.

Yours sincerely



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